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1                   [The Board of Supervisors did not meet  
2                   in closed session Tuesday, June 7, 2005.]

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6   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ...WHICH WILL BE LED IN AN INVOCATION BY  
7   THE REVEREND GEORGE W. MCLEARY OF THE CHURCH OF HOPE, CANYON  
8   COUNTRY. AND OUR PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY RONALD  
9   QUINCEY WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH POST 5394 OF THE  
10  VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS. AS WELL, WE'RE GOING TO BE-- WE HAVE  
11  A PERFORMANCE BY JOSE AGUILAR FROM THE HOLLYWOOD PERFORMING  
12  ARTS HIGH SCHOOL WHO WILL LEAD US IN THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.  
13  WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE STAND?

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15   **THE REVEREND GEORGE W. MCLEARY:** THANK YOU. I INVITE ANY OF YOU  
16  WHO ARE COMFORTABLE DOING THAT TO JOIN US IN PRAYER, PLEASE.  
17  LORD, WE GATHER TOGETHER IN THIS PLACE OF VARIED PEOPLE WITH  
18  MANY VARIED IDEAS OF WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE OF US  
19  BUT WE COME TOGETHER WITH AN AGENDA, LORD, TO TAKE CARE OF THE  
20  BUSINESS OF THIS COUNTY AND THE BUSINESS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE  
21  COUNTY. SO WE ASK, LORD, THAT YOU POUR OUT YOUR SPIRIT OF  
22  WISDOM, YOUR SPIRIT OF JUSTICE, YOUR SPIRIT OF TRUTH, YOUR  
23  SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS, LORD. LET EACH OF THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO  
24  DO THE BUSINESS OF THE COUNTY BE AWARE OF YOUR PRESENCE AS  
25  THEY MAKE THEIR DECISIONS, FOR ALL OF US, FOR ALL OF THIS



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1 COUNTY. LORD, BLESS US AND ALL WHO CARE TO SAY SO, SAY AMEN.

2 THANK YOU.

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4 **RONALD QUINCEY:** WOULD YOU PLEASE PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR  
5 HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [ PLEDGE OF  
6 ALLEGIANCE ]

7

8 **JOSE AGUILAR:** OH, SAY CAN YOU SEE BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT  
9 WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAILED AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING  
10 WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS THROUGH THE PERILOUS  
11 FIGHT O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCHED WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING  
12 AND THE ROCKETS' RED GLARE THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR GAVE  
13 PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE OH, SAY  
14 DOES THAT STAR SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE O'ER THE LAND OF THE  
15 FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE [ APPLAUSE ]

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME TO THE BOARD  
20 OF SUPERVISORS THIS MORNING PASTOR GEORGE MCLEARY FROM THE  
21 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE IS-- BORN IN NEIGHBORING CITY OF  
22 BURBANK, JOINED THE STAFF OF THE CHURCH OF HOPE IN 1991 AS A  
23 PROGRAM DIRECTOR, WAS A MISSION AND NOW HE SERVES THERE AS THE  
24 SENIOR PASTOR. HE IS PROUD OF THE FACT THAT THE CHURCH HAS A  
25 REPUTATION OF BEING A CHURCH THAT CARES. THEY OPERATE THE ONLY





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1 FULL-TIME FOOD PANTRY IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. HE IS ALSO  
2 ACTIVE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY INTERFAITH COUNCIL AND HE  
3 SITS ON THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR THE LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES  
4 COMMUNITY CARE CENTER. AND HE'S BEEN MARRIED TO HIS WIFE,  
5 DONNA, FOR 26 YEARS AND HE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN HELPING IN  
6 A TEMPORARY HOMELESS SHELTER IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND WE  
7 LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH HIM TO FIND A PERMANENT SHELTER  
8 IN THE FUTURE. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PASTOR. [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY  
11 PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
12 TO RON QUINCEY, WHO WAS, AS MENTIONED, MEMBER OF THE LONG  
13 BEACH POST NUMBER 5394 OF THE V.F.W. OF THE UNITED STATES. HE  
14 SERVED IN THE MILITARY FROM 1954 TO 1957 AS AN AIRMAN FIRST  
15 CLASS IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE OF THE 11TH AIR WING  
16 UNIT. HIS MANY DECORATIONS INCLUDE AIR FORCE GOOD CONDUCT  
17 MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE  
18 MEDAL AND KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL CITATION. SO, ON BEHALF OF THE  
19 BOARD, WE'D LIKE TO THANK HIM FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF HIS BUSY  
20 SCHEDULE TO COME DOWN HERE TO LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF  
21 ALLEGIANCE. RON, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, I ASK OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
24 TO PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
2 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 3. ON ITEM S-1, AS NOTED ON THE  
3 GREEN SHEET, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THE ITEM BE  
4 CONTINUED THREE WEEKS.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON S-3, AS NOTED ON THE AGENDA, THE  
9 DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JUNE 20TH,  
10 2005. HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
11 PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON THAT ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY  
16 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D AND 2-D.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
19 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON  
20 THAT ITEM.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
23 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SIGNED BY-- I  
2   MEAN SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO  
3   OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13,  
6   I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, HOLD FOR A  
7   MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. ON ITEM NUMBER 4, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR  
8   ANTONOVICH AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU.

9

10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY  
11   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF  
12   THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 14 AND 15.  
15   ON ITEM NUMBER 15, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY, ON ITEM NUMBER 14, MOVED BY  
18   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF  
19   THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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21   **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, WEIGHTS AND  
22   MEASURES, ITEMS 16 THROUGH 18.

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
25   BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.





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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, ITEM 19.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
5 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, ITEM 20. AS NOTED ON  
8 THE GREEN SHEET, THERE'S A REVISION THAT INCLUDES THE REVISION  
9 AND, ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK  
10 CONTINUANCE.

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

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14 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, ITEM 21.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEMS 22  
20 THROUGH 24.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMISSION ON H.I.V. SERVICES. ON ITEM  
2 25, HOLD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMISSION FOR WOMEN, ITEM 26.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM 27.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
14 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEM 25-- I'M SORRY, 28,  
17 EXCUSE ME.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 28. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,  
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
21 ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 29 THROUGH 32.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
2    SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 33.

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6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
7    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ITEMS 34 AND 35.

10

11    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
12    BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 36 AND 37.

15

16    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
17    BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
18    ORDERED.

19

20    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEM 38.

21

22    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
23    SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY. ON ITEM 39, HOLD FOR  
2 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEM 40.

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE, SECONDED BY  
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 41 THROUGH 54.

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
14 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, AND THAT'S ON PAGE 24, ITEMS 55  
17 THROUGH 59.

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
20 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION, ITEM 60.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
25 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION, I'LL READ  
3 THIS INTO THE RECORD, AND THEN WE'LL HOLD IT. AN ORDINANCE  
4 AMENDING TITLE 3, ADVISORY COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES OF THE  
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO THE COMMISSION ON H.I.V.  
6 AND WE HAD A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD A  
7 RELATED 25.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD THAT ITEM.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION, ITEM 62.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED  
14 BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEM 63 IS FOR  
17 APPROVAL.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
21 ORDERED.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 64, THE TREASURER REQUESTS A ONE-  
24 WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. THAT ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED.

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3    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA  
4    REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
5    OFFICER WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE  
6    MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM  
7    65-A.

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9    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
10    BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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12    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 65-B.

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14    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
15    BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 65-C.

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19    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SECONDED  
20    BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
21    ORDERED.

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23    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 65-D.

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2    BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO  
3    ORDERED.

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5    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
6    AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGINS WITH  
7    SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

8

9    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'LL BEGIN  
10    WITH YOUR PRESENTATIONS.

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12    **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
13    LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY CALLING FORWARD THE  
14    MAYOR OF PASADENA, THE HONORABLE BILL BOGAARD, AND THE CITY OF  
15    PASADENA FIRE CHIEF, DENNIS DOWNS, AND ALSO ASK CHIEF CALVIN  
16    WELLS AND CAPTAIN KEVIN COSTA AND LISA DUDARIAN TO ALSO JOIN  
17    US UP HERE FROM THE PASADENA FIRE DEPARTMENT AND ASK  
18    SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO JOIN IN THIS SPECIAL RECOGNITION. WE,  
19    AS A BOARD, ARE VERY PLEASED THAT THE CITY OF PASADENA IS NOW  
20    JOINING THE SAFE SURRENDER EFFORT. WE'VE HAD GREAT SUCCESS  
21    HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND OUR PUBLIC OUTREACH IS TRULY  
22    PAYING OFF. SO FAR IN 2005, A TOTAL OF SIX BABIES HAVE BEEN  
23    SAFELY SURRENDERED HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND JUST ONE  
24    REPORTED ABANDONED DEATH. KEEPING IN MIND THAT WE HAD A TOTAL  
25    OF 10 SURRENDERED INFANTS IN ALL OF 2004, I BELIEVE THAT THIS



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1 IS A POSITIVE INDICATION OUR MESSAGE IS GETTING OUT TO THE  
2 WORLD. WE'RE ALSO PLEASED TO SAY THAT THE MESSAGE HERE IS  
3 ABOUT THE SUPPORT CONTINUES LOUD AND CLEAR ACROSS CALIFORNIA.  
4 WE JUST RECENTLY LEARNED LAST WEEK THAT ORANGE COUNTY HAS NOW  
5 IMPLEMENTED A SAFE SURRENDER PROGRAM WITHIN THE CONFINES OF  
6 THEIR COUNTY. SO WE JUST WANT TO WELCOME THE CITY OF PASADENA  
7 TO THE SAFE SURRENDER TEAM AND JOINING FORCES WITH ALL OF L.A.  
8 COUNTY AND THE 20S CITIES COUNTYWIDE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC  
9 AND, SINCE ITS INCEPTION, WE HAVE SAVED 34 LIVES. MICHAEL? [  
10 APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST WANT TO OFFICIALLY THANK THE CITY OF  
13 PASADENA. THEY'VE ALWAYS BEEN UPFRONT IN PROVIDING THE  
14 LEADERSHIP IN OUR COUNTY AND, SPECIFICALLY, IN THE SAN GABRIEL  
15 VALLEY AND THEY'RE A WONDERFUL HOST TO THE GREAT TOURNAMENT OF  
16 ROSES EACH YEAR, ALONG WITH THE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES OF  
17 ENHANCING THE CULTURAL LIFE AND THE CIVIC LIFE AND THEIR GREAT  
18 SUCCESS WITH OLD TOWN PASADENA THAT HAS REALLY BEEN AN  
19 ECONOMIC BOMBHELL FOR THE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF PASADENA,  
20 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WHERE PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO GO IN A SAFE AREA  
21 AND THEY HAVE A GREAT FIRE DEPARTMENT STEPPING UP TO THIS  
22 OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE YOUNG CHILDREN'S LIVES AND A GREAT POLICE  
23 DEPARTMENT AS WELL. SO THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1   **MAYOR BILL BOGAARD:** I'M VERY PROUD TO BE HERE WITH THE CHIEF  
2   OF POLICE AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF OUR GREAT CITY. OUR FIRE  
3   CHIEF-- CHIEF, TO ACCEPT THIS RECOGNITION BECAUSE WE PROUDLY  
4   JOINED THE PROGRAM UNDER THE FIRE CHIEF'S LEADERSHIP AND LOOK  
5   FORWARD TO ADDING TO THE POSITIVE AND HUMANE STATISTICS THAT  
6   SUPERVISOR KNABE MENTIONED A FEW MOMENTS AGO. WE WANT TO BE A  
7   PART OF THIS PROGRAM AND WE THANK THE COUNTY FOR THIS  
8   OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO.

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10   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR PRESENTATIONS  
11   THIS MORNING.

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13   **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU WANT ME TO DO...

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15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. MS. BURKE WILL LEAD ON THAT ONE.

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17   **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO CALL THE MUSIC CENTER VICE-PRESIDENT  
18   FOR EDUCATION AND ALL THE SPOTLIGHT AWARD WINNERS FORWARD. THE  
19   MUSIC CENTER HAS AN EDUCATION DIVISION THAT PRESENTS NUMEROUS  
20   PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE ANNUAL SPOTLIGHT AWARDS. THE MISSION  
21   OF THIS AWARD PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT  
22   IN WHICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN DEVELOP THE SKILLS NEEDED TO  
23   PURSUE THEIR ARTISTIC DREAMS. IN MASTERING THESE SKILLS, THE  
24   STUDENTS ALSO DEVELOP SELF ESTEEM AND LEARN THE LESSONS OF  
25   PREPARATION AND PERSEVERANCE. THE SPOTLIGHT AWARD PROGRAM IS A



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1   NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED RECOGNITION AND SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION  
2   FOR HIGH SCHOOL PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTISTS ALL OVER  
3   SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IT WAS LAUNCHED AS PART OF THE MUSIC  
4   CENTER'S WINTER FEST IN 1988 AND HAS SINCE BECOME AN ANNUAL  
5   SPRING EVENT. THE SPOTLIGHT AWARDS DEMONSTRATES THAT IT IS  
6   POSSIBLE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO QUALITY ARTS  
7   EDUCATION THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL AND RECOGNIZES THE TALENTED  
8   STUDENTS WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THESE CURRICULA. NOW, 1,500  
9   STUDENTS APPLY ANNUALLY AND A TOTAL OF 10,000 HAVE APPLIED  
10   SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN. THE AWARDS HAVE LAUNCHED NUMEROUS  
11   PROFESSIONAL CAREERS. EIGHT FINALISTS ARE PRESIDENTIAL  
12   SCHOLARS. OTHERS HAVE JOINED PROFESSIONAL COMPANIES INCLUDING  
13   ALVIN AILEY AMERICAN DANCE THEATRE, AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE,  
14   THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC. TODAY,  
15   THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I ARE VERY PROUD TO RECOGNIZE A  
16   NUMBER OF THE 2005 SPOTLIGHT AWARD WINNERS FROM ALL OVER THE  
17   COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS WELL AS FROM SOME ADJACENT COUNTIES.  
18   WE'RE JUST PROUD OF ALL OF THEM. BUT FIRST, I WOULD PRESENT  
19   THIS SCROLL TO THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE MUSIC CENTER  
20   EDUCATION DIVISION, MARK SLAVKIN. MARK? [ APPLAUSE ]  
21  
22   **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE TO SAY A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MARK FIRST. HE  
23   JOINED THE MUSIC CENTER AS VICE-PRESIDENT FOR EDUCATION IN  
24   JULY 2001. HE ADMINISTERS A PROGRAM THAT INVOLVES A HIGHLY  
25   PROFESSIONAL AND ARTISTICALLY AND CULTURALLY DIVERSE ROSTER OF





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1 ADULT ARTISTS. THE EDUCATION PROGRAM ALSO ADVANCES ARTS  
2 EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE IN THE SCHOOLS  
3 AND PRESENTS PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE  
4 MUSIC CENTER THEATERS HERE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. I KNOW  
5 WE'VE SEEN THE BUSES COME, WE'VE HEARD THE YOUNG PEOPLE, AND  
6 IT'S VERY EXCITING TO SEE THEM ENJOYING THE MUSIC CENTER.  
7 BEFORE JOINING THE MUSIC CENTER, MARK WAS DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
8 ENGAGEMENT, ADVOCACY AND COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
9 ANNENBERG METROPOLITAN PROJECT. HE WAS ALSO AN ELECTED MEMBER  
10 OF THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, DISTRICT BOARD OF  
11 EDUCATION FROM 1989 TO 1997. HE NOW LEADS ONE OF THE NATION'S  
12 LARGEST AND MOST EFFECTIVE ARTS EDUCATION PROGRAMS.  
13 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, MARK. YOU'VE REALLY MADE THE PROGRAM  
14 OUTSTANDING NATIONWIDE. [ APPLAUSE ]

15

16 **MARK SLAVKIN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. AND I JUST, ON  
17 BEHALF OF ALL OF US AT THE MUSIC CENTER, WANT TO THANK EACH OF  
18 THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE SUPPORT YOU PROVIDE THAT ALLOW US TO  
19 OFFER THESE EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE  
20 COUNTY AND THE PREMIER INITIATIVE, THE SPOTLIGHT AWARDS,  
21 RECOGNIZES THE MOST TALENTED HIGH SCHOOL ARTISTS WHO ARE ALL  
22 DESTINED FOR GREATNESS. AND SO WE'RE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE  
23 TODAY TO CELEBRATE THEM. I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
24 BURKE, AND YOUR STAFF FOR COORDINATING THIS. THANK YOU VERY  
25 MUCH.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL PRESENT MY SPOTLIGHT AWARDS AND THEN I'LL  
5 START WITH YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA. LAUREN PERRY IS A FINALIST  
6 IN NON-CLASSICAL VOICE. SHE'S AN 18-YEAR-OLD SENIOR AT  
7 HAMILTON ACADEMY OF MUSIC AND HAS PERFORMED IN MANY SCHOOL  
8 PRODUCTIONS. SHE ALSO SINGS FOR THE HAMILTON CHAMBER SINGERS  
9 AND VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE. SHE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS AND  
10 NOMINATIONS, INCLUDING A MERIT AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ARTS  
11 RECOGNITION AND TALENT SEARCH. SHE ALSO SANG THE NATIONAL  
12 ANTHEM AT MY SWEARING IN CEREMONY LAST DECEMBER AND SHE WILL  
13 BE ATTENDING NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY THIS FALL. HER MENTORS  
14 ARE GAY AND HARRY ABRAMS ABRAM AND DEAN V. AMBROSE AND, OF  
15 COURSE, WE ALL HAPPEN TO KNOW HER MOTHER, PILAR. AND SHE DOES  
16 A BEAUTIFUL JOB AND SHE SANG SO BEAUTIFULLY. [ APPLAUSE ]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** AND WE HAVE-- I HAVE ONE OTHER PERSON, JERRY  
19 GAYLE, WHO IS ON VACATION, SO I'M GOING TO GIVE HIS TO MARK.  
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, MS. BURKE. IT'S MY  
23 PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO YOU NALLIE NAVA. DO YOU WANT TO COME  
24 UP, NALLIE? NALLIE NAVA. SHE'S 17 YEARS OLD AND SHE'S A SENIOR  
25 AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS. SHE WON



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1 FIRST PLACE IN TWO DIMENSIONAL DESIGN AND HAS BEEN TAKING ART  
2 CLASSES SINCE THE FOURTH GRADE. SHE COORDINATED A MURAL  
3 PAINTING FOR KAISER HOSPITAL ON SUNSET BOULEVARD AND IS A  
4 VOLUNTEER ART TEACHER AT THE SALVATION ARMY RECREATIONAL  
5 CENTER. SHE HOPES TO CONTINUE HER PASSION FOR THE ART AT THE  
6 SCHOOL OF THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS IN BOSTON AND, LATER, TO  
7 SHARE HER KNOWLEDGE AND CERTAINLY HER PASSION WITH ART TO--  
8 WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD. SO, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US ON THE  
9 BOARD, WE'RE VERY PROUD OF YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT AND WE LOOK  
10 FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE FUTURE. CONGRATULATIONS. [  
11 APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. THREE PRESENTATIONS I'D LIKE TO  
16 MAKE IS, FIRST OF ALL, TO ANDREW MODLIN, WHO WON SECOND PLACE  
17 IN PHOTOGRAPHY. HE'S AN 18-YEAR-OLD SENIOR AT HARVARD WEST  
18 LAKE HIGH SCHOOL AND BECAME INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE  
19 NINTH GRADE AFTER YEARS OF TAKING ART CLASSES IN THE SCHOOLS  
20 AS WELL AS SOME SUMMER ART CLASS AT THE SCHOOL OF VISUAL ARTS  
21 IN NEW YORK. HE'S WON A GOLD KEY IN THE SCHOLASTIC COMPETITION  
22 FOR HIS PORTFOLIO AND, THIS FALL, HE WILL ATTEND NEW YORK  
23 UNIVERSITY, NYU, AS AN ART STUDENT. HIS GOAL IS TO BECOME AN  
24 EXHIBITING ARTIST. ANDREW MODLIN. [ APPLAUSE ]

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEXT IS JOSE AGUILAR, WHO IS A FINALIST IN  
2    THE NON-CLASSICAL VOICE AND IS A SENIOR AT HOLLYWOOD  
3    PERFORMING ARTS HIGH SCHOOL. HE IS 18 YEARS OLD AND HAS BEEN  
4    SINGING SINCE HE WAS FIVE. HE'S CURRENTLY STUDYING WITH STORMY  
5    SAX AT HIS SCHOOL. JOSE HAS PERFORMED IN NUMEROUS SCHOOL  
6    PRODUCTIONS AND CHORAL SHOWS. HE HOPES TO ATTEND EMERSON  
7    COLLEGE IN BOSTON AND THEN TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM IN A BIG  
8    BROADWAY SHOW AND BECOME A SOLO ARTIST. HIS MENTORS ARE RENEE  
9    AND ALLAN GILBERT. JOSE AGUILAR. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LAST IS ZACH SUSKEIN, WHO WON FIRST PLACE IN  
12   PHOTOGRAPHY. HE'S A SENIOR AT HARVARD WESTLAKE AND IS 18 YEARS  
13   OLD. HE STARTED TAKING PHOTOS ON HIS OWN AT THE AGE OF 16,  
14   AFTER YEARS OF PURSUING HIS PASSION FOR FILM. HIS WORK HAS  
15   BEEN PUBLISHED IN LOOK-LOOK MAGAZINE AND WAS PURCHASED FOR USE  
16   ON VIRGIN MOBILE'S WEBPAGE. ZACH IS HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE  
17   THIS FALL AND IS CONSIDERING BECOMING A PHOTO JOURNALIST OR A  
18   DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPHER. ZACH SUSKEIN. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. ZACH'S GOING TO BE  
21   GOING TO NYU ALSO. IT'S A GREAT SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS. GOOD LUCK  
22   TO ALL OF YOU.

23

24   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S  
25   MY PRIVILEGE AND HONOR TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT TO YOU NATHAN



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1 RILEY, WHO WAS A FINALIST IN THE CLASSICAL VOICE. HE IS 16  
2 YEARS OLD. HE ATTENDS REDLANDS EAST VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. HE  
3 BEGAN SINGING AT THE AGE OF NINE IN HIS CHURCH CHOIR. HE'S HAD  
4 ROLES IN NUMEROUS PRODUCTIONS, INCLUDING THE LIGHTHOUSE  
5 THEATER'S MUSICAL PRODUCTION OF THE JACKIE ROBINSON STORY.  
6 HE'S ALSO BEEN A SOLOIST ...(CLEARING THROAT)... IN MARINO  
7 VALLEY'S AMERICA'S PROMISE YOUTH FESTIVAL. HE HOPES TO PURSUE  
8 AN OPERA PERFORMANCE IN COLLEGE. HIS MENTORS ARE LINDA AND  
9 PETER SCHLESSINGER AND SUZANNE AND PAUL RUBENSTEIN. NATHAN. [  
10 APPLAUSE ]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** NEXT IS JOHN BOND. JOHN IS A 17-YEAR-OLD SENIOR AT  
13 THE ORANGE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS WHO WAS A FINALIST  
14 IN THE NON-CLASSICAL DANCE. HE HAS WON NUMEROUS COMPETITIONS  
15 AND AWARDS, INCLUDING FIRST PLACE SOLOIST IN THE AUSTRALIAN  
16 DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP AND WINNER'S CIRCLE FINALIST ON "STAR  
17 SEARCH." HE HAS CHOREOGRAPHED COMPETITION FOR DANCE STUDIOS,  
18 HE TEACHES AT CENTER STAGE DANCE ACADEMY, HE TAKES WEEKLY  
19 CLASSES AT THE EDGE DANCE STUDIO AND FORD DANCE CENTER. HIS  
20 MENTOR IS MR. TOM SAFFRON. JOHN, CONGRATULATIONS. [ APPLAUSE ]

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE MICHAEL SAX, WHO IS A FINALIST IN  
25 JAZZ INSTRUMENTAL, A SENIOR AT LASALLE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE





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1 PASADENA AREA. HE STUDIES MUSIC AT THE COLBURN SCHOOL OF  
2 PERFORMING ARTS AND HE'S RECEIVED AWARDS FROM COMPETITIONS  
3 SUCH AS THE DAN STOVIAL MEMORIAL MUSIC COMPETITION. MICHAEL  
4 PLAYS WITH THE COLBURN SCHOOL'S MONDAY NIGHT JAZZ BAND AS WELL  
5 AS WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND AND PERFORMS AT LOCAL CLUBS. HE  
6 HOPES TO ATTEND THE EASTMAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC OR THE HARTZ  
7 SCHOOL AND HIS MENTORS ARE PAT AND NANCY MCCABE. SO, MICHAEL?  
8 [ APPLAUSE ]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHARLIE ANDERSON IS A FINALIST IN CLASSICAL  
11 DANCE. HE'S A SENIOR AT GLENDORA HIGH SCHOOL. HE STUDIED  
12 BALLET AT THE ANAHEIM BALLET AND WAS NAMED NATIONAL TRAINING  
13 SCHOLAR FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS WHILE ATTENDING THE AMERICAN  
14 BALLET THEATRE INTENSIVE PROGRAM. HE'S PLANNING TO ATTEND THIS  
15 SUMMER AGAIN AND WILL BE A GUEST ARTIST FOR SUZUKI BALLET OF  
16 JAPAN WHEN HE RETURNS FROM NEW YORK. HIS MENTORS ARE KIMBERLY  
17 AND SCOTT GWENDOLYN AND FREA AND MARK IVANER. [ APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE PRESIDENT, ANGIE  
22 PAPADAKOS. WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD?

23

24 **ANGIE PAPADAKOS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. THANK YOU. YOU  
25 ARE-- I JUST CAN'T TELL YOU HOW EXCITED I AM TO THANK-- AND TO



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1 BE HERE TO THANK YOU FOR VALIDATING EVERYTHING WE TRY TO DO IN  
2 EDUCATION. YOU ARE THE SUCCESS STORIES OF NOT JUST THE  
3 TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS AND TAXPAYERS, BUT FOR EVERYONE  
4 WHO SUPPORTS EDUCATION, YOU ARE-- YOU ARE OUR PRODUCT AND WE  
5 ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO PARENTS FOR  
6 HAVING SUCH WONDERFUL KIDS AND GIVING US SO MUCH ENTERTAINMENT  
7 AND SO MUCH FOR THE FUTURE, FOR THE FUTURE AND SOMEONE TO LOOK  
8 UP TO FOR OTHER KIDS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
9 TALENT AND YOUR WORK BECAUSE IT DIDN'T COME EASY. [ APPLAUSE ]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'LL TRY TO TAKE A GROUP SHOT. COULD WE GET  
12 EVERYONE TOGETHER. CAN WE GET EVERYONE OVER HERE FOR A GROUP  
13 SHOT AND COULD THE PARENTS PLEASE STAND SO THAT WE CAN  
14 RECOGNIZE YOU? PARENTS, PLEASE STAND. [ APPLAUSE ] [  
15 INDISTINCT CONVERSATION ]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, WE'D LIKE TO WELCOME CHIEF DAVE  
18 HINIG, WHO IS THE RETIRING CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF  
19 ARCADIA AFTER SERVING 38 YEARS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE  
20 GRADUATED FROM DUARTE HIGH SCHOOL, ATTENDED PASADENA CITY  
21 COLLEGE, CAL POLY POMONA AND AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, WHERE  
22 HE GRADUATED. HE JOINED THE ARCADIA POLICE DEPARTMENT BACK IN  
23 1969, WORKED PATROL, NARCOTICS AND MAJOR CRIME, PROMOTED TO  
24 SERGEANT IN 1979, LIEUTENANT IN '81 AND CAPTAIN IN '86. AS THE  
25 CAPTAIN OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, HE DEVELOPED POLICIES AND



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1 PROCEDURES FOR JAIL OPERATIONS, MANY OF WHICH WERE ADOPTED AS  
2 MODELS BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN 1991, HE ATTENDED THE F.B.I.  
3 NATIONAL ACADEMY AT QUANTICO, VIRGINIA, GRADUATING IN A CLASS  
4 NUMBER 166 AFTER COMPLETING THE EXTENSIVE INTENSIVE 12-WEEK  
5 PROGRAM. IN 1999, AS CHIEF OF POLICE, HE JOINED THE POLICY  
6 COMMITTEE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON  
7 CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, WHICH IS CALLED "I-CAN," WHICH BRINGS  
8 EXCEPTIONAL PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES TO HELPING THESE CHILDREN.  
9 DAVE'S WORK WITH I-CAN CONTRIBUTED GREATLY IN COMBATING THE  
10 TRAGEDY OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT. WITH US ALSO TODAY IS BOB  
11 SANDERSON, WHO IS THE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE FOR ARCADIA, DR.  
12 MICHAEL PINES OF THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION, DR.  
13 MICHAEL DURPHY OF I-CAN, DEANNE TILTON OF I-CAN AND DR.  
14 LACHMER, OUR CORONER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. DAVID,  
15 CONGRATULATIONS ON A GOOD 38 YEARS. [ APPLAUSE ]

16

17 **CHIEF DAVE HINIG:** MIKE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE  
18 RECOGNITION. I'M CERTAINLY HUMBLLED AND I WANT TO THANK THE  
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT OF LAW  
20 ENFORCEMENT IN THE COUNTY. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN ONE OF THE TOP  
21 PRIORITIES OF THE BOARD AND ALL OF US WHO HANDLE LAW  
22 ENFORCEMENT CHORES IN THE COUNTY ARE CERTAINLY APPRECIATIVE OF  
23 THAT EFFORT ON YOUR BEHALF. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ APPLAUSE ]

24



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1 **CHIEF BOB SANDERSON:** THANK YOU. IT'S ALSO A PLEASURE TO BE  
2 HERE TODAY AND TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF A GREAT MAN. 38  
3 YEARS IS A LONG TIME IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND I KID HIM THAT I  
4 WAS SIX YEARS OLD THE DAY HE GOT SWORN IN BUT WE'RE LOOKING  
5 FORWARD TO THE NEW CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO HAVE THE CORONER SAY  
8 SOMETHING NICE ABOUT YOU INSTEAD OF PERFORMING A PROFESSIONAL  
9 SERVICE SO, DR. LATCHMEN?

10

11 **DR. LAKSHMANAN SATHYAVAGISWARAN:** I JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS MY  
12 APPRECIATION TO CHIEF HINIG. I LIVE IN HIS BEAUTIFUL CITY. I'M  
13 STILL ALIVE, SO THAT'S GOOD. THE IMPORTANT THING IS HE'S  
14 ALWAYS BEEN VERY SUPPORTIVE OF OUR DEPARTMENT. WE JUST HAD A  
15 ONE-WEEK-LONG SKELETAL WORKSHOP IN HIS BEAUTIFUL NEW  
16 CONFERENCE CENTER. IF YOU'VE NOT SEEN THE NEW POLICE STATION  
17 IN ARCADIA, IT'S WORTHWHILE A VISIT. IT'S A BEAUTIFUL  
18 BUILDING. THANK YOU, CHIEF HINIG. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
19 ANTONOVICH, FOR HONORING HIM. THANK YOU AND THE SUPERVISORS.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** CHIEF HINIG HAS NOT ONLY CHAIRED MANY I-CAN  
22 COMMITTEES BUT HE'S BEEN AN INSPIRATION IN TERMS OF TRYING TO  
23 FOCUS ON WHY WE'RE REALLY THERE: THE CHILDREN. AND SO I THINK  
24 IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT HE'S NOT RETIRING BECAUSE HE WANTS TO  
25 LEAVE HIS BEAUTIFUL OFFICE, HE'S NOT RETIRING BECAUSE HE WANTS



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1 TO LEAVE I-CAN, HE'S RETIRING TO SPEND TIME WITH HIS  
2 GRANDCHILD SO WE LOVE HIM FOR THAT AND SO WE'LL MISS HIM.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF EDUCATORS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, DAVE  
5 JUST REPRESENTS THE KIND OF LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT HELPS BUILD  
6 THAT PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN SCHOOLS AND KIDS AND DOES SUCH A  
7 GREAT JOB IN KEEPING THOSE KIDS ALIVE SO WE CAN HELP EDUCATE  
8 THEM AND WE'RE GOING TO MISS HIM.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** CHIEF HINIG HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL ADDITION BUT,  
11 BESIDES HIM, SOME DECADES AGO, I GAVE A LECTURE ON CHILD ABUSE  
12 TO A VERY TIRED, BUSY SOUTH PASADENA RESERVE POLICE OFFICER  
13 NAMED MIKE ANTONOVICH WHO WAS TRYING TO DO TOO MANY JOBS.  
14 ANYWAY, IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL TRIP.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME A GROUP OF  
17 STUDENTS FROM JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL'S "DESTINATION  
18 IMAGINATION" IMPROV TEAM. THIS SEVEN MEMBER TEAM WITH US TODAY  
19 HAVE MADE HISTORY BY BEING THE FIRST GROUP OF STUDENTS IN THE  
20 PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
21 DESTINATION IMAGINATION GLOBAL FINALS, EARNING THE  
22 OPPORTUNITIES TO COMPETE AT THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.  
23 INCREDIBLY, FOUR OF THESE STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED TOGETHER--  
24 COMPETED TOGETHER IN THEIR CREATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING  
25 COMPETITION SINCE THEY WERE IN THE THIRD GRADE AT BURBANK





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1 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE DESTINATION IMAGINATION PROGRAM  
2 PROMOTES CREATIVE THINKING HABITS, ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO USE  
3 THEIR IMAGINATION TO SOLVE PROBLEMS. AND, THROUGH THIS  
4 COMPETITION, STUDENTS LEARN TO WORK UNDER PRESSURE WITH TIME  
5 LIMITS, TACKLING HANDS-ON CHALLENGES AND TEAM-BUILDING  
6 EXERCISES. IN THE IMPROV CATEGORY, STUDENTS DO NOT KNOW WHAT  
7 THEY WILL BE ASKED UNTIL THEY ARE ON STAGE. JOHN MUIR HIGH  
8 SCHOOL'S TEAM HAS PLACED SECOND IN THE STATE FINALS HELD IN  
9 CLOVIS, CALIFORNIA, MAKING THEM ELIGIBLE FOR THE GLOBAL FINALS  
10 WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE IN  
11 KNOXVILLE. THE TEAM PLACED 13TH AT THE GLOBAL FINALS  
12 COMPETITION, CONTENDING WITH 57 TEAMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE,  
13 INCLUDING GUATEMALA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND BRAZIL. THIS  
14 FINISH PLACED THEM IN THE TOP 25% OF COMPETITORS, AN  
15 IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENT FOR THEIR FIRST INTERNATIONAL  
16 COMPETITION. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THEM AND WE WOULD LIKE TO  
17 RECOGNIZE THEM AND WE ALSO HAVE WITH US THE MAYOR OF PASADENA,  
18 BILL BOGAARD, WHO WAS JUST HERE FOR THE PROGRAM PROVIDING OUR  
19 FIRE STATIONS IN PASADENA THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW CHILDREN  
20 WHO ARE BORN TO BE PLACED THERE AND NOT LOSE THEIR LIVES BUT  
21 BE ABLE TO GO OUT FOR ADOPTION. LET ME FIRST INTRODUCE OUR  
22 TEAM MANAGER AS KAREN BAGHDASSARIAN, WHO IS THE TEAM MANAGER.  
23 KAREN? [ APPLAUSE ]  
24  
25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND TAMARA BAGHDASSARIAN. [ APPLAUSE ]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ADAM ESPERAZA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WILLIAM HARRISON. [ APPLAUSE ]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ROBERTO MEJIA. [ APPLAUSE ]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BRYCE NICHOLSON. [ APPLAUSE ]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND TO JOHN MUIR HIGH SCHOOL, WE HAVE DANIEL  
11 WEBB, THE PRINCIPAL, ALONG WITH MAYOR BILL BOGAARD. [ APPLAUSE  
12 ]

13

14 **DAN WEBB:** I GIVE THANKS EVERY DAY TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL  
15 HIGH SCHOOL IN PASADENA IN WHICH TO LEAD. I'M DAN WEBB, THE  
16 PRINCIPAL OF JOHN MUIR. WE HAVE WONDERFUL PARENTS, WONDERFUL  
17 KIDS. THE CITY OF PASADENA HAS INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE TO THE  
18 SCHOOL SYSTEM IN THEIR CITY. AND I WANT TO GIVE THANKS TO THE  
19 SUPERINTENDENT, DR. PERCY CLARK, FOR SUPPORTING THIS SCHOOL  
20 AND ALL THE SCHOOLS. WE'RE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB IN PASADENA.  
21 THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET'S DO A GROUP PICTURE NOW.

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY, WE HAVE-- RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTMENT  
2   OF ANIMAL CONTROL, ADOPT A SHELTER CAT PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE  
3   COUNTY AND WE HAVE TWO LITTLE DOMESTIC SHORTHAIRES, TINA AND  
4   TIMMY, WHO ARE EIGHT WEEKS OLD, A LITTLE BOY AND A LITTLE  
5   GIRL. [ MEOWING ]

6

7   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, OKAY! [ MEOWING CONTINUES ]

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO LITTLE TIMMY AND TINA COME AS A SET OR  
10  INDIVIDUALLY. AND YOU CAN ADOPT THEM BY CALLING THE NUMBER  
11  (562) 728-4644 AT THE BOTTOM OF YOUR TELEVISION SCREEN OR  
12  THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT TIMMY AND TINA.  
13  AND MARSHA MAYEDA, THE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR, WITH OUR ADOPT A  
14  CAT PROGRAM. GLORIA, ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE ONE OR TWO?

15

16  **MARCIA MAYEDA:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE  
17  BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING ADOPT A CAT MONTH. THIS  
18  IS A VERY BUSY TIME OF THE YEAR FOR OUR CATS AT OUR SHELTERS  
19  AND WE'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ANYBODY WHO IS INTERESTED IN GIVING  
20  A HOME TO A HOMELESS CAT TO PLEASE COME VISIT A COUNTY SHELTER  
21  AND DO THAT. THANK YOU.

22

23  **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION THIS  
24  MORNING. WE HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION THIS MORNING. MANY OF  
25  US WHO WORK HERE AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION ARE VERY



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1 FAMILIAR WITH TONY CHAVEZ. HE'S BEEN A LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
2 EMPLOYEE SINCE 1997, WHEN HE BECAME EMPLOYED AS OUR  
3 INFORMATION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION AS A STUDENT  
4 WORKER. NOW TONY'S AN INTERMEDIATE BOARD SPECIALIST, WHICH  
5 MEANS HE'S RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPUTER CONFIGURATION, REPAIR,  
6 UPGRADING AND TROUBLESHOOTING, OF WHICH THERE IS A LOT OF  
7 AROUND HERE. HE'S DONE A LOT OF COMPUTER REPAIR ON MY-- IN MY  
8 OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR AND, OF COURSE, ALL OF US GOT TO  
9 KNOW HIM THROUGH HIS WORK THERE. WE FOUND TONY TO BE  
10 PERSONABLE, INTELLIGENT AND CONSCIENTIOUS, AND WE KNOW HE  
11 CARES A LOT ABOUT EVERYONE IN THE WORLD AROUND HIM. BUT IT WAS  
12 A SHOCK TO US WAS TO LEARN THAT HE HAD JOINED THE U.S. MARINE  
13 CORPS RESERVES BACK IN MARCH OF 2003. TONY HAS BEEN ASSIGNED  
14 TO THE 4TH MARINE DIVISION, THE 5TH BATTALION OF THE 14TH  
15 MARINES. HE'S ON HIS WAY TO IRAQ. HE'S GOING TO BE DEPLOYED TO  
16 FALLUJAH. HE'S PART OF OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. HIS DUTIES ARE  
17 GOING INCLUDE LOCAL SECURITY OF KEY AREAS OF IRAQ AS WELL AS  
18 POLICING AT SOME OF THE MOST HEAVILY IMPACTED CITIES IN IRAQ.  
19 TONY HAS LIVED IN L.A. COUNTY FOR OVER 26 YEARS. HE'S A  
20 GRADUATE OF STANFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SOUTHGATE JUNIOR HIGH  
21 SCHOOL AND WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL. WE'RE VERY PROUD TO SAY  
22 THAT HE'S A TRUE SON OF THE FIRST DISTRICT. WE'RE GOING TO  
23 MISS YOU, TONY, WE REALLY ARE. WE REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE  
24 WORK THAT HE'S DONE BUT WE WANTED TO DO A SPECIAL SEND-OFF. WE  
25 HAVE A CERTIFICATE. YOU'VE SEEN THESE BEFORE. THIS ONE IS FOR



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1 YOU AND IT OUTLINES ALL THE SERVICES THAT YOU'VE PROVIDES TO  
2 US. WE'RE VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING. WE'RE  
3 PARTICULARLY PROUD OF YOUR PATRIOTISM AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO  
4 GO OUT THERE AND FIGHT FOR ALL OF OUR FREEDOM. WE CONGRATULATE  
5 YOU, WE HONOR YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK HERE  
6 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CONGRATULATIONS, TONY. [ APPLAUSE ] [  
7 APPLAUSE CONTINUES ]

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** TONY IS JOINED BY HIS MOTHER, PATRICIA,  
10 AND GIRLFRIEND, LETTIE. DO YOU WANT TO SHARE A COUPLE OF  
11 WORDS, TONY?

12

13 **TONY CHAVEZ:** SURE, WHY NOT? FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WANT TO  
14 THANK THE SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND I WANT TO  
15 THANK ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO ARE HERE TODAY TO JUST  
16 KIND OF, YOU KNOW, SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.  
17 IT REALLY MEANS A LOT TO ME. AND I DEFINITELY WILL SEE YOU  
18 HERE NEXT YEAR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [ ENTHUSIASTIC CHEERS AND  
19 APPLAUSE ]

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WOULD ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS JOIN US? DID  
22 YOU WANT TO SAY A FEW WORDS, VIOLET?

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WELL, WE'RE GOING TO MISS HIM. AND TONY  
25 HAS BEEN ONE OF THOSE HARDWORKING, QUIET, DEDICATED, LOYAL



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1 EMPLOYEES BEHIND THE SCENES, SORT OF THE OIL THAT KEEPS THE  
2 WHEELS RUNNING AND WE APPRECIATE HIS SERVICE TO OUR OFFICE AND  
3 WE KNOW THAT HE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THE SAME IN THE MILITARY  
4 AND WE WISH HIM GOD SPEED AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HIS RETURN.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU HAVE A  
7 PRESENTATION?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO. I'D LIKE TO ASK TOM REID TO COME  
10 FORWARD. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE  
11 AND CONGRATULATE MR. TOM REID, WHO HAS BEEN THE REGIONAL  
12 DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PASSPORT AGENCY IN RECOGNITION  
13 OF A NOTEWORTHY 20 YEAR CAREER WITH THE UNITED STATES  
14 DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE THAT THE  
15 UNITED STATES PASSPORT AGENCY OF LOS ANGELES PROVIDES TO THE  
16 RESIDENTS OF THIS COUNTY. TOM HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR  
17 OVERSEEING AND HELPING TO OVERSEE THE PASSPORT OFFICE. MANY OF  
18 US HAVE HAD OCCASION TO DEAL WITH THE PASSPORT OFFICE ON  
19 BEHALF OF OUR CONSTITUENTS AND OCCASIONALLY ON BEHALF  
20 OURSELVES. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT, IN MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE,  
21 THE PASSPORT AGENCY HAS BEEN EXTREMELY RESPONSIVE. WHEN MY DAD  
22 PASSED AWAY OVERSEAS MANY YEARS AGO AND I HAD NO PASSPORT THAT  
23 WAS VALID AT THE TIME, I HAD IT WITHIN 24 HOURS AND I WASN'T A  
24 POLITICIAN THEN, I WAS JUST A COLLEGE STUDENT AND THAT'S THE  
25 SERVICE THAT WE HAVE GROWN ACCUSTOMED IN THIS PART OF THE





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1 COUNTRY AND I'M SURE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY TO GETTING  
2 FROM THE PASSPORT AGENCY. BUT NO AGENCY AND NO BUREAUCRACY CAN  
3 BE RESPONSIVE UNLESS IT GETS ITS DIRECTION FROM ITS  
4 LEADERSHIP. AND TOM HAS BEEN THE FACE ON THAT AGENCY FOR OUR  
5 OFFICE OF PROTOCOL AND FOR OUR OFFICES FOR ALL THESE YEARS. SO  
6 WE WANTED TO RECOGNIZE YOU, TOM, AND THIS DOESN'T GET YOU OUT  
7 OF THIS COUNTRY OR INTO ANY OTHER COUNTRY BUT IT MIGHT GET YOU  
8 A FREE LUNCH AT THE M.T.A., I DON'T KNOW, BUT THIS IS SIGNED  
9 BY ALL FIVE OF US CONGRATULATING YOU ON A 20-YEAR CAREER WITH  
10 THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN THE PASSPORT AGENCY. THANK YOU FOR  
11 YOUR SERVICE. [ APPLAUSE ]

12

13 **TOM REID:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THIS RECOGNITION. ON  
14 BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE HARDWORKING CREW OUT  
15 AT THE LOS ANGELES PASSPORT AGENCY, IT'S A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO  
16 SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
17 MANY YEARS OF CONTINUING SERVICE AND IMPROVING OUR SERVICE TO  
18 THE COUNTY. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S IT FOR ME, MISS-- MADAM CHAIR.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. OKAY. TODAY'S MEETINGS  
23 BEGIN WITH-- SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOUR SPECIALS.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, TODAY I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
2   MEMORY OF MR. HAROLD TREDWAY, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 26TH AT  
3   THE AGE OF 86. HE WAS A LONG TIME FORMER BOARD MEMBER ON THE  
4   CERRITOS COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HE SERVED FROM JULY OF  
5   1965 THROUGH DECEMBER OF 1991. HE WAS A FOUNDING ATTORNEY OF  
6   TREDWAY, LUMSDAINE AND DOYLE LAW FIRM IN DOWNEY. HE PRACTICED  
7   SOME 32 YEARS, FROM '53 TO 1985. THEY NOW HAVE FIRMS IN  
8   DOWNEY, IRVINE AND LONG BEACH. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS  
9   WIFE, HELEN, OF 60 YEARS IN MAY OF 2003. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS  
10   DAUGHTERS ELEANOR, GINGER AND DIANE, GRANDSONS, BROOKS AND  
11   TODD, BROTHER WILLARD, SISTERS, HELEN AND DELBERTA. SO I WOULD  
12   SO MOVE.

13

14   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS.

15

16   **SUP. KNABE:** I CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 4, MY MOTION. I BELIEVE IT  
17   WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE  
18   PUBLIC.

19

20   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DO YOU WANT A REPORT ON IT AT  
21   ALL OR DO YOU WANT TO CALL UP THE PUBLIC FIRST?

22

23   **SUP. KNABE:** WE-- CALL UP THE PUBLIC FIRST.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S BEGIN, IF WE COULD ASK  
2    DAVID RODRIGUEZ TO JOIN US, DAVE SHIBLEY AND ISADORE YOVOE.  
3    GORDON? AHA. THAT HANDWRITING IS VERY INTERESTING BUT HARD TO  
4    READ. PLEASE JOIN US. IS MR. RODRIGUEZ HERE? NO? ALL RIGHT.  
5    MR. SHIBLEY AND MR. YOVOE.

6

7    **GORDON YOVOE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GORDON YOVOE. I GUESS  
8    MY LEFT-HANDED HANDWRITING NEEDS SOME IMPROVEMENT. I REPRESENT  
9    E-PACK DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS THE APPLICANT IN THIS PARTICULAR  
10   CASE. I HAVE TO ADD TO CALLS AND LETTERS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO  
11   THE BOARD, A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE ROWLAND HEIGHTS  
12   CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ALSO FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
13   HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION. IF I MAY TURN THOSE LETTERS INTO THE  
14   CLERK OF THE BOARD. THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION IS PRIVATELY  
15   OWNED AND NO PUBLIC ACCESS OR USE IS CURRENTLY ALLOWED. WE  
16   AGREE THAT THE SUBJECT PROPERTY WAS INTENDED TO MEET THE OPEN  
17   SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER TRACK 34146 BUT NOT ALL OF THE  
18   PROPERTY AND THAT FACT HAS PREVENTED PUBLIC USE FOR OVER 20  
19   YEARS. THE CURRENT PROPOSED PROJECT HAS HAD THREE HEARINGS  
20   BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ALL OF THE HEARINGS HAVE  
21   FOCUSED ON THE ISSUE-- ON THE ISSUE OF OPEN SPACE AND NOT THE  
22   MERITS OF THE PROJECT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS DEBATED  
23   THEIR AUTHORITY TO DECIDE UPON THE ISSUE AND EVEN TRIED TO  
24   BIFURCATE THE ISSUE OF OPEN SPACE FROM THE PROJECT AND SEEK  
25   DIRECTION FROM THE BOARD. IN FEBRUARY OF 2004, REGIONAL



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1 PLANNING HELD A WORKSHOP SESSION WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
2 ON THE VERY SUBJECT OF OPEN SPACE CONVERSION. FROM MY  
3 OBSERVATION, IT APPEARED THAT REGIONAL PLANNING WAS LOOKING  
4 FOR A BLANKET POLICY TO BE APPLIED COUNTYWIDE, A SO-CALLED ONE  
5 SIZE FITS ALL. COMMISSIONER HELLSLEY, ARGUABLY THE MOST  
6 CONSERVATIONIST OF THE COMMISSIONERS, STARTED THE DISCUSSION  
7 WITH THE STATEMENT THAT THERE SHOULD NEVER BE AN OPEN SPACE  
8 CONVERSION. REGIONAL PLANNING PRESENTED THREE DIFFERENT TYPES  
9 OF CASES, ONE OF WHICH WAS SIMILAR TO ROWLAND HEIGHTS, AND THE  
10 COMMISSION THOUGHTFULLY REVIEWED EACH OF THE CASES. THE  
11 CONCLUSION OF THE DISCUSSION WAS THAT EACH CASE WAS DIFFERENT  
12 AND THAT A BLANKET POLICY DID NOT SEEM APPLICABLE. EVEN  
13 COMMISSIONER HELLSLEY, AGREED AFTER THE WORKSHOP DISCUSSION,  
14 THAT A BLANKET PROHIBITION WAS NOT APPROPRIATE. WHILE WE'VE  
15 BEEN HOLDING HEARINGS ON THIS PROPOSAL, THE POPULATION OF LOS  
16 ANGELES COUNTY HAS GROWN BY OVER A HUNDRED-- OVER A MILLION  
17 PEOPLE. REGIONAL PLANNING'S MOTTO IS TO PLAN AHEAD FOR THE  
18 FUTURE. WE THINK THAT A PLANNING-- THAT A GENERAL PROHIBITION  
19 DOESN'T-- CREATES-- REDUCES THEM TO MERELY A CODE ENFORCEMENT  
20 AGENCY INSTEAD OF A PROACTIVE AGENCY. IN THIS PERIOD OF RAPID  
21 GROWTH AND CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS, LAND AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING  
22 IS CONSTRAINED BY VIRULENT NIMBY-ISM AND THE SWEEPING HAND OF  
23 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS REMOVED VAST AREAS THAT ARE  
24 AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING PRODUCTION. WE JUST DON'T BELIEVE ANY  
25 RESOURCE CAN BE SIMPLY WASTED OR UNDERUTILIZED AT THIS POINT.



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1 NOW IS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF  
2 ACREAGE FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMENT AND RECREATION WHILE, AT THE SAME  
3 TIME, CONTRIBUTING TO THE HOUSING SUPPLY AND ECONOMIC  
4 DEVELOPMENT. YOU WILL HEAR A SUCCESSION OF SPEAKERS FOLLOWING  
5 WITH DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. WE POINT OUT THAT THAT POINTS  
6 OF VIEW, IN FACT, CALLS FOR THIS HEARING TO GET A FULL AND  
7 DETAILED HEARING BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND WE SUPPORT  
8 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'RE  
9 AVAILABLE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I APOLOGIZE BUT I DIDN'T HEAR, ARE YOU THE  
16 PROPERTY OWNER OR ARE YOU THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PROPERTY  
17 OWNER?

18

19 **GORDON YOVOE:** I AM THE APPLICANT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE THE APPLICANT. ARE YOU THE PROPERTY  
22 OWNER?

23

24 **GORDON YOVOE:** WE'RE NOT THE PROPERTY OWNER. WE'RE THE  
25 APPLICANT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE DEVELOPER.

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4 **GORDON YOVOE:** THE DEVELOPER.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. IS IT APPROPRIATE TO ASK A QUESTION AT  
7 THIS TIME?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE. WHY NOT?

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HONESTLY AM COMING INTO THIS THING TOTALLY  
12 AGNOSTIC AND OPEN MINDED BUT YOU MADE A COMMENT THAT-- I'M  
13 PARAPHRASING, THAT THE OPEN SPACE PROPERTY, THERE WAS TO BE  
14 OPEN SPACE ON THE PROPERTY BUT NOT ON ALL OF THE UNDEVELOPED  
15 PROPERTY. IS THAT ESSENTIALLY WHAT YOU SAID?

16

17 **GORDON YOVOE:** THAT IS OUR POSITION.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. AND I'M READING THE CONDITION  
20 NUMBER 2 ON THE TENTATIVE TRACT MAP AND THE CONDITION SAYS,  
21 AND I QUOTE, "THE PROPOSED TENTATIVE TRACT MAP DEPICTS 265  
22 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS AND ONE OPEN SPACE LOT." I REPEAT, "AND ONE  
23 OPEN SPACE LOT ON 285 ACRES OF LAND." IS THERE ANY OTHER  
24 DEPICTION ON THE TRACT MAP OTHER THAN THE ONE OPEN SPACE LOT  
25 IN THE 265 SINGLE-FAMILY UNIT LOTS?





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2 **GORDON YOVOE:** SUPERVISOR, I WOULD COMMENT THAT THIS PROJECT  
3 HAS HAD A 20-YEAR HISTORY AND A HIGHLY CONVOLUTED HISTORY AND  
4 IT IS NOT AT ALL EASY TO DETERMINE, IN THE MULTIPLE PHASES OF  
5 THIS PROJECT, EXACTLY THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. LET ME ASK THE STAFF. ELLEN, ARE YOU  
8 THE ONE WHO IS SPEAKING TO THIS? ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE  
9 MAP?

10

11 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** I AM.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DOES THE MAP-- OTHER THAN THE 265 SINGLE-  
14 FAMILY LOTS AND THE ONE-- WELL, LET ME ASK IT DIFFERENTLY:  
15 DOES THE MAP CURRENTLY DEPICT 265 SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS AND ONE  
16 OPEN SPACE LOT ON 285 ACRES OF LAND?

17

18 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THAT TENTATIVE MAP DID DEPICT EXACTLY THAT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT THE ONLY TENTATIVE MAP THAT'S EVER  
21 BEEN APPROVED ON THIS PROPERTY SINCE THAT TIME?

22

23 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** YES, THAT WAS THE LAST TENTATIVE.

24



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE LAST TENTATIVE. SO THAT IS THE  
2    MAP THAT'S CURRENTLY APPLICABLE TO THE PROPERTY?

3

4    **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THERE'S A RECORDED FINAL MAP BUT THAT IS...

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE TENTATIVE?

7

8    **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** EXACTLY.

9

10   **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THIS MOTION HERE IS 170 ACRES.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, DON, I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOING. I JUST--  
13   I JUST THINK WE NEED TO-- I-- I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE  
14   RECORD IS CLEAR AND THAT I UNDERSTAND IT, BECAUSE WHAT I  
15   UNDERSTOOD THE APPLICANT TO SAY WAS THAT NOT ALL OF THE  
16   PROPERTY THAT WAS DESIGNATED FOR OPEN SPACE IS FOR OPEN SPACE.  
17   MY WORDS, NOT EXACTLY YOUR WORDS BUT I THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU  
18   MEANT TO SAY. AND ALL I'M SAYING IS THE MAP, THERE'S ONE PIECE  
19   OF PROPERTY, AND THE MAP DESIGNATES EVERY SQUARE INCH ON THAT  
20   PROPERTY EITHER AS A SINGLE-FAMILY LOT OR AS OPEN SPACE,  
21   CORRECT?

22

23   **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE 200-- AND THE-- WHAT IS IT-- 265  
2    SINGLE-FAMILY LOTS ARE DEPICTED AS 265 DISTINCT PARCELS?

3

4    **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** CORRECT.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEREFORE, THE REMAINDER IS OPEN SPACE,  
7    CORRECT?

8

9    **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** YES AND, IN THIS CASE, THIS OPEN SPACE LOT  
10    WAS DEPICTED AS LOT 266.

11

12    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 266. IS THERE ANY CONCEIVABLE WAY BEING--  
13    LOOKING AT IT FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW, IS THERE ANY CONCEIVABLE  
14    WAY THAT ONE COULD INTERPRET THAT MAP TO MEAN ANYTHING ELSE?

15

16    **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THE STAFF DOESN'T THINK SO, NO. WE BELIEVE  
17    THAT THAT WAS THE OPEN SPACE THAT WAS PROVIDED FOR THIS  
18    PROJECT.

19

20    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO WITHOUT GETTING CONVOLUTED, JUST  
21    ANSWER IF YOU CAN AND I DON'T MEAN TO BE DISRESPECTFUL BUT I  
22    WANT TO BE RESPECTFUL OF MY COLLEAGUES' TIME HERE. IF YOU CAN  
23    JUST BE DIRECT-- IF YOU CAN'T ANSWER DIRECTLY, JUST SAY SO AND  
24    WE'LL GO ON TO SOMETHING ELSE BUT MY QUESTION TO YOU IS, CAN  
25    YOU TELL ME WHAT IN THE TENTATIVE OR FINAL MAP LEADS YOU TO



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1 CONCLUDE THAT LOT 266 IS NOT ALL OPEN SPACE, NOT REQUIRED TO  
2 BE ALL OPEN SPACE?

3

4 **GORDON YOVOE:** I-- SUPERVISOR, ELLEN HAS BEEN ABLE TO MAKE HER  
5 PRESENTATION AND ARRIVE AT HER CONCLUSION IN PLANNING  
6 COMMISSION HEARINGS AT A POINT AT WHICH THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS  
7 ALREADY CLOSED. WE DO, IN FACT, HAVE AN ARGUMENT PREPARED BY  
8 COUNSEL...

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAKE IT NOW.

11

12 **GORDON YOVOE:** ...AND THE COUNSEL-- AND MY ARGUMENT WOULD BE  
13 THAT THE ORIGINAL MASTER PLAN HAD A 50%-- HAD A TOTAL DENSITY  
14 ALLOWABLE OF 325 UNITS AND THAT, AS THIS MAP WAS SUCCESSIVELY  
15 DEVELOPED, THAT THAT DENSITY WAS NEVER ACHIEVED BUT THE  
16 ORIGINAL OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENT IN THE MASTER TENTATIVE TRACT  
17 IS FOR 50% OPEN SPACE AND THAT 50% OPEN SPACE IS WAY MORE THAN  
18 EXCEEDED BY THE 170-ACRE REMAINDER LOT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THAT PRECEDED THIS.

21

22 **GORDON YOVOE:** EXCUSE ME, SIR?

23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT PRECEDED THIS. THIS IS WHAT IS NOW THE  
2   GOVERNING DOCUMENT, THE MAP, IS IT NOT? YOU CONCEDE THAT THIS  
3   IS WHAT'S HOLDING YOU UP RIGHT NOW?

4

5   **GORDON YOVOE:** WE CONCEDE THAT WE'RE OPERATING UNDER THE  
6   CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL OF MASTER TENTATIVE TRACT MAP.

7

8   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 34146?

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10   **GORDON YOVOE:** CORRECT. AS AMENDED A NUMBER OF TIMES.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THIS IS IT. YOU DON'T DISPUTE THAT  
13   CONDITION NUMBER 2 IS-- SAYS, "THE PROPOSED TENTATIVE TRACT  
14   MAP DEPICTS 265 SINGLE FAMILY LOTS AND ONE OPEN SPACE LOT ON  
15   285 ACRES OF LAND"?

16

17   **GORDON YOVOE:** NO, I DON'T DISPUTE THAT, SIR.

18

19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO COULD YOU JUST TELL ME, AND I  
20   HONESTLY-- MAKE ME AN ARGUMENT, NOT WHAT TRANSPIRED, WHAT THE  
21   INTENT WAS, WHAT THE MASTER PLAN USED TO SAY OR WHAT-- BUT IN  
22   THE CONTEXT OF THIS MAP, WHICH IS THE ONLY THING THAT'S  
23   PREVENTING YOU FROM DOING WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, IS THAT YOU'RE  
24   BEING REQUIRED TO LIVE UP TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE MAP AS  
25   EVERY DEVELOPER IN AMERICA IS REQUIRED TO DO. I'M ASKING YOU



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1 TO TELL ME HOW DO YOU-- HOW DO YOU INTERPRET-- SHOW ME HOW YOU  
2 CAN INTERPRET THIS CONDITION TO MEAN ANYTHING BUT THAT THE  
3 266TH LOT MUST BE OPEN SPACE.

4

5 **GORDON YOVOE:** THERE IS A 20-YEAR HISTORY HERE AND I DO NOT  
6 KNOW THE ENTIRE 20-YEAR HISTORY. THE MAP WAS AMENDED A NUMBER  
7 OF TIMES AND THE LOCATION OF THE UNITS MOVED AROUND  
8 CONSIDERABLY OVER THE COURSE OF THE YEARS IN WHICH THE  
9 SUBSEQUENT-- SUBSEQUENT MAPS FROM THE MASTER MAP WERE APPROVED  
10 AND THE LOCATIONS CHANGED DUE TO GEOLOGIC ISSUES AS THE  
11 PROJECT PROGRESSED FROM TENTATIVE MAP TO FINAL MAP.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, MADAM  
14 CHAIR.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. SHIBLEY?

17

18 **DAVE SHIBLEY:** MADAM CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME  
19 IS DAVE SHIBLEY. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY. MICHAEL WANTED TO SPEAK. I  
22 APOLOGIZE. HE DID ASK ME. SUPERVISOR?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. BACK IN 1991, WHEN THE PROJECT WAS  
25 BEFORE US, NO MATTER WHAT THE PROPOSAL WAS WHEN IT BEGAN THE





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1   PROCESS, IT ENDED UP AT 265 HOMES. MANY TIMES, THIS BOARD WILL  
2   REDUCE THE DENSITY, IN WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY, TO COME UP  
3   WITH A CONSENSUS FOR A PROJECT BUT THE FINAL ACT IS BASED UPON  
4   THAT FINAL NUMBER, NOT WHAT THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS GOING TO  
5   BE AND THAT'S PART OF THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS. BUT  
6   CONDITION 10 REQUIRED A DEVELOPER TO PROVIDE FOR THE OWNERSHIP  
7   IN THE MAINTENANCE OF OPEN SPACE. CONDITION 11 PROVIDED THAT  
8   THE DEVELOPER WOULD DEDICATE, ON THE FINAL MAP, THE RIGHT TO  
9   RESTRICT THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL,  
10   STRUCTURES TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES OVER THE OPEN SPACE  
11   LOT. AND, IN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE BOARD, THEY STATED THAT THE  
12   COMMUNITY WAS GOING TO HAVE 168 ACRES THERE WHICH WE CAN GIVE  
13   A BRIDAL PATH THROUGH, REFERRING TO THE OPEN SPACE. WE CAN  
14   ESTABLISH A BRIDLE PATH THERE. WE COULD EVEN ESTABLISH A  
15   CORRAL THERE, PART OF THE OPEN SPACE, PART OF THE  
16   RECREATIONAL. AND, AT THAT BOARD MEETING, SUPERVISOR SHUBARM  
17   COMMENTED THAT THERE WOULD BE 160 ACRES PLUS LEFT IN THE  
18   CURRENT NATURAL STATE. BUT, ON THE FINAL MAP, THE OWNER OF THE  
19   PROPERTY SIGNED A STATEMENT STATING THAT HE WOULD NO LONGER  
20   DEVELOP THAT OPEN SPACE LOT. HE SIGNED THAT AND, FURTHERMORE,  
21   THAT PRECLUDED HIM FROM DEVELOPING OPEN SPACE LOTS AND THAT  
22   SHOWED UP ON THE ASSESSOR'S RECORD BECAUSE THE PROPERTY IS  
23   VALUED AT \$6. SIX DOLLARS. IF YOU'RE GOING TO BUY A PARCEL OF  
24   PROPERTY AND IT'S VALUED AT \$6, YOU KIND OF HAVE TO WONDER  
25   WHY, AND THE REASON IS BECAUSE THERE WAS A STATEMENT SIGNED BY



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1 THE OWNER. AND WHILE I HAVE SUPPORTED EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES  
2 AND OPEN SPACE AREAS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS, THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE  
3 BEFORE US TODAY BECAUSE WE COULD HAVE EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES  
4 THERE UNDER OPEN SPACE. THE EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES ARE BEING  
5 USED AS AN EFFORT TO DEFLECT ATTENTION FROM A PROPOSAL THAT,  
6 IN MY OPINION, IS BAD PUBLIC POLICY BECAUSE, WHEN WE TAKE AN  
7 ACTION TO HAVE OPEN SPACE, THIS BOARD HAS TO ABIDE BY THOSE  
8 COMMITMENTS. OTHERWISE, YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE NO INTEGRITY IN  
9 A PROCESS THAT COMES BEFORE THE BOARD IN PUBLIC HEARINGS WITH  
10 A COMMITMENT MADE. HERE, A COMMITMENT WAS MADE IN 1991 TO THE  
11 COMMUNITY. THE DEVELOPER KNEW WHAT THE COMMITMENT WAS. HE  
12 SIGNED THAT OFF. HE SIGNED OFF ON THAT COMMITMENT. THE TAX  
13 ASSESSOR KNEW WHAT THE COMMITMENT WAS. THAT'S WHY THERE WAS A  
14 SIX DOLLAR VALUATION ON THERE. AND WHAT YOU HAVE HERE IS A  
15 OPENING OF PANDORA'S BOX THAT IMPACTS THE SANTA MONICA  
16 MOUNTAINS, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, THE  
17 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, EVERY PART OF THIS COUNTY WHEREVER A  
18 GOVERNING BOARD WILL ESTABLISH AN OPEN SPACE POLICY. AND TO  
19 SAY THAT, WELL, IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE BUILD A HOME HERE OR  
20 THERE, THAT DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE. NOW, IF THERE IS A  
21 PARTICULAR, UNIQUE SITUATION THAT REQUIRED IT, AND I CAN'T  
22 IMAGINE IT, WHERE YOU HAD ALL OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES COMING  
23 TOGETHER, THAT'S A DIFFERENT SITUATION. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE  
24 THAT, YOU DON'T HAVE IT AND, AGAIN, IF THIS BODY IS GOING TO  
25 HAVE ANY INTEGRITY, THEN WE HAVE TO ABIDE BY THOSE DECISIONS



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1 THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PAST JUST AS WE EXPECT A FUTURE  
2 BOARD TO ABIDE BY THE DECISIONS WE MAKE TODAY RELATIVE TO OPEN  
3 SPACE. AND OPEN SPACE IS A PART OF ALL OF THESE VARIOUS  
4 PROJECTS. IN THE AREA-- IN A RECENT PROPOSAL THAT WAS  
5 DEVELOPED, THE NEWHALL LAND RANCH PROPOSAL, WE DEVELOPED AN  
6 OPEN SPACE PARK THAT HAS THE SIZE OF GRIFFITH PARK FOR THAT  
7 AREA. FOR A FUTURE BOARD TO COME BACK ONE DAY AND SAY, "WELL,  
8 WE OUGHT TO PUT HOMES THERE" WOULD BE WRONG BECAUSE THIS BOARD  
9 MADE A DECISION AND WE WORKED WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THAT WAS  
10 THE TYPE OF PROJECT THAT WAS DEVELOPED. BUT TO HAVE SOMEBODY  
11 COME BACK AT A LATER DATE IN THE YEAR 2020 AND SAY, "WE OUGHT  
12 TO BUILD HOMES THERE" WOULD BE AS WRONG THEN AS IT IS TODAY  
13 FOR US TO GO BACK ON A 1991 AGREEMENT WHEN YOU, THE OWNER OR  
14 WHOEVER, YOU KNOW, THE OWNER IS THAT YOU'RE REPRESENTING,  
15 ACQUIRED THIS PROPERTY KNOWING THE VALUATION WAS \$6 AND IT WAS  
16 OPEN SPACE. SO THAT'S MY CONCERNS.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS  
19 ANOTHER QUESTION.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, MR. ANTONOVICH JUST RAISED A  
22 POINT WHICH NEVER OCCURRED TO ME BUT IT'S SUDDENLY-- SUDDENLY  
23 A LIGHT BULB WENT OFF. WHO REPRESENTS YOU? WHO IS THE LAW FIRM  
24 THAT REPRESENTS YOU? IS IT COX CASTLE?

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1 **GORDON YOVOE:** COX CASTLE.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. WEISS, IS COX CASTLE THE SAME FIRM THAT  
4 HAS BEEN MAKING ALLEGATIONS AND LEGAL ARGUMENTS THAT THE  
5 COUNTY SOMETIMES TREATS ONE PART OF THE COUNTY DIFFERENTLY  
6 THAN ANOTHER PART OF THE COUNTY? AND ONE KIND OF PROPERTY  
7 DIFFERENTLY THAN OTHER KINDS OF PROPERTIES UNDER THE SAME SET  
8 OF CIRCUMSTANCES? HASN'T THAT ARGUMENT BEEN MADE ON THE  
9 RIDGELINE ORDINANCE, NORTH AREA PLAN? ISN'T THAT A CASE THAT  
10 WE'RE NOW FIGHTING IN COURT?

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12 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I'M TRYING  
13 TO THINK OF THE VARIOUS MATTERS IN WHICH THAT LAW FIRM IS  
14 REPRESENTING PARTIES THAT ARE ADVERSE TO THE COUNTY. YES, WE  
15 ARE IN LITIGATION CURRENTLY REGARDING YOUR BOARD'S APPROVAL OF  
16 THE RIDGELINE ORDINANCE. HAVE I HEARD ARGUMENTS IN THE COURSE  
17 OF THOSE ACTIONS AND SIMILAR ACTIONS FROM THAT FIRM THAT THE  
18 COUNTY IS ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT IS VIOLATING SUBSTANTIVE  
19 AND PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS RIGHTS TREATING PARTIES  
20 DIFFERENTLY? I WOULD SAY THE ANSWER IS YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. SO HERE'S MY CONCERN. I JUST THROW IT  
23 OUT ON THE TABLE. SUDDENLY IT OCCURS TO ME, AND I COMMEND MR.  
24 ANTONOVICH FOR RAISING THE ISSUE, WISH YOU WOULD HAVE RAISED  
25 IT ON THE ISSUE MONTHS AGO, THAT, IF WE WERE TO DO WHAT THESE



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1 GENTLEMEN WOULD LIKE US TO DO AND IF THE ARGUMENT THAT--  
2 WHAT'S THE ATTORNEY'S NAME, THE COX CASTLE ATTORNEY THAT SAT  
3 HERE AND MADE-- LAMPORT, MR. LAMPORT ACCUSING US OF VIOLATING  
4 HIS CLIENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS BASED ON THIS VERY ARGUMENT. WOULD  
5 WE NOT BE-- IF THAT ARGUMENT HAS ANY VALIDITY, AND I'M NOT  
6 SAYING IT DOES BUT SUPPOSE IT DOES, WOULDN'T WE BE OPENING  
7 OURSELVES UP TO THAT KIND OF-- THIS IS A RHETORICAL QUESTION,  
8 WE WOULD BE OPENING OURSELVES UP TO AT LEAST A RHETORICAL  
9 ARGUMENT THAT, IF WE DID THIS IN ROWLAND HEIGHTS BUT WE DIDN'T  
10 DO IT IN CALABASAS OR IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS OR IN THE  
11 SANTA CLARITA AREA, THAT WE WERE DISCRIMINATING AGAINST  
12 SOMEBODY IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS OR IN THE SANTA CLARITA  
13 AREA WHO WANTED THE SAME THING YOU'RE ASKING FOR. AND I  
14 CERTAINLY WOULD WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOUR COUNSEL HAS TO SAY  
15 ABOUT THAT. I CERTAINLY WOULD WANT TO HEAR AN EXPLANATION TO  
16 THAT, MAYBE NOT TODAY OR HOWEVER HE WISHES TO DO THAT BECAUSE  
17 THAT IS A-- THAT'S AN ARGUMENT HE HAS MADE RIGHT SITTING WHERE  
18 YOU'RE SITTING JUST THE LAST TIME HE WAS BEFORE THIS BOARD  
19 MAKING AN ACCUSATION THAT THIS COUNTY WAS TREATING DIFFERENT  
20 PROPERTY OWNERS DIFFERENTLY AND SUGGESTING A CIVIL RIGHTS  
21 ACTION. SO I JUST RAISE THAT ISSUE, MADAM CHAIR. THANK YOU.

22

23 **GORDON YOVOE:** MAY I RESPOND?

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CERTAINLY.



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2 **GORDON YOVUE:** THE PARTICULAR GENTLEMAN YOU NAMED IS NOT THE  
3 REPRESENTATIVE THAT REPRESENTS US. COX CASTLE IS A VERY LARGE  
4 FIRM.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT IS.

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8 **GORDON YOVUE:** IF I MAY RESPOND TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. IT  
9 WAS CLEARLY EXPLAINED TO US, WHEN ELLEN FITZGERALD DID HER  
10 PRESENTATION BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THAT THE COUNTY  
11 HAS FOLLOWED A SOMEWHAT ERRATIC PATH TOWARDS DESIGNATING OPEN  
12 SPACE AND SHE PRESENTED THREE PARTICULAR CASES AT THE  
13 WORKSHOP, ALL OF WHICH WERE QUITE DIFFERENT AND FREELY ADMITS,  
14 HOPEFULLY, IF I'M NOT PUTTING WORDS IN YOUR MOUTH, THAT THE  
15 COUNTY WOULD NO LONGER DO IT THE WAY THAT IT WAS DONE IN THE  
16 PAST AND IT WOULD BE MORE CLEANLY DONE AND LESS AMBIGUOUS THAN  
17 HAS BEEN DONE IN THE PAST. I BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
18 MOTION IS NOT TO, IN ANY WAY, ENDORSE THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT  
19 BUT, RATHER, TO GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE IF, IN FACT, WE  
20 CAN SELL IT TO THE COMMUNITY. THAT IS ALL WE HAVE BEEN  
21 PROMISED AND THAT IS ALL WE ARE EXPECTING. WE DO HAVE  
22 SUPPORTERS, WE DO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE PUBLIC BENEFITS TO BE  
23 DERIVED AND WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING TO MAKE OUR CASE AND THE  
24 APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE WHETHER WE HAVE ANY CASE AT  
25 ALL.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. CAN THEY...

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MY CONCERN IS THAT, WHEN WE MAKE-- WHEN I  
5 VOTE ON THE ISSUES AND PUT IN REQUIREMENTS FOR OPEN SPACE IN  
6 PROJECTS IN THE AREAS I REPRESENT, THOSE CONSTITUENTS EXPECT  
7 THAT COMMITMENT TO ABIDE WHEN I LEFT THIS BOARD AND I WOULD  
8 EXPECT THOSE COMMITMENTS TO BE HONORED AS WELL. AND WE'RE  
9 OPENING PANDORA'S BOX BECAUSE, IF THERE WERE THREE VOTES TO  
10 BEGIN USING THIS OPEN SPACE FOR HOUSING, THERE WOULD NEVER BE  
11 A GUARANTEE IN ANY FUTURE AGREEMENT AND IT'S VERY VITAL FOR  
12 THE INTEGRITY OF THIS GOVERNMENTAL BODY TO ABIDE BY THOSE  
13 DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE AT THAT TIME. AND, IN 1991, THERE WAS  
14 THE DECISION FOR OPEN SPACE AND I VOTED FOR THAT OPEN SPACE  
15 AGREEMENT AND I HAVE A COMMITMENT THAT WE RETAIN THAT OPEN  
16 SPACE JUST LIKE I WOULD WANT A FUTURE BOARD TO DO THE SAME IN  
17 MY DISTRICT OR IN ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES' DISTRICT WHEN WE MADE  
18 THE DECISION AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THOSE DECISIONS ARE MADE  
19 THROUGH A PUBLIC PROCESS. PEOPLE HAVE COME UP AND SPOKEN,  
20 PEOPLE HAVE PURCHASED A HOME KNOWING WHERE THAT PROPERTY--  
21 THAT THERE WOULD BE OPEN SPACE IN THAT AREA, NOT EXPECTING A  
22 FUTURE BOARD WOULD DETERMINE THAT THEY OUGHT TO HAVE SOME  
23 HOMES NEXT DOOR TO THEM OR WHATEVER. I MEAN, THAT'S THE  
24 PROBLEM. IT'S A CONTRACT THAT WE HAVE MADE AND WE CAN'T  
25 VIOLATE THAT CONTRACT.



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2 **GORDON YOVOE:** IF I MAY MAKE ONE...

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY. MADAM CHAIR, LET ME JUST  
5 RESPOND AND YOU CAN RESPOND IN AWHILE AND I KNOW YOU HAVE SOME  
6 OTHER COMMENTS BUT I THINK-- THE REASON I'M ASKING COUNTY  
7 COUNSEL IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION THAT THIS IS  
8 DISTINCTIVELY DIFFERENT AND I REALIZE, FROM REGIONAL  
9 PLANNING'S PERSPECTIVE AND THE FIFTH DISTRICT'S PERSPECTIVE,  
10 THAT A ONE, YOU KNOW, ONE POLICY, ONE BLANKET FITS ALL, WORKS  
11 EASIEST FOR EVERYONE SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE THESE KIND OF  
12 DISCUSSIONS. BUT, AS PART OF THAT AGREEMENT, THIS LAND IN  
13 QUESTION, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, WAS NOT DEDICATED AS OPEN SPACE  
14 BUT, RATHER, CONSTRUCTION RIGHTS DEDICATED TO THE COUNTY. AND  
15 SO THIS WOULD ALLOW-- OR AT LEAST, YOU KNOW, MY UNDERSTANDING--  
16 - AND THERE'S SOME QUESTION ABOUT THAT, ELLEN SAYS, YOU KNOW,  
17 WHETHER THAT'S THE RIGHT LANGUAGE OR NOT, SO AT LEAST IN THIS  
18 PARTICULAR CASE, THERE SHOULD BE SOME DISCRETION AND THAT'S  
19 ALL WE'RE SAYING. WE'RE NOT TAKING A POSITION ONE WAY OR  
20 ANOTHER IN THE PROJECT. WE JUST WANT THE COMMUNITY TO HAVE AN  
21 OPPORTUNITY TO SEE IF THERE'S ADEQUATE MITIGATION OFFERED FOR  
22 THE 30 OF THE 170 ACRES OF WHICH THE COUNTY HAD CONSTRUCTION  
23 RIGHTS. AND, IF WE GO FORWARD WITH THIS POLICY, YOU KNOW, IT'S  
24 A CATCH-ALL POLICY AND, YOU KNOW, ONE SIZE FITS ALL. ALL WE'RE  
25 ASKING IS THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS



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1 TO ALLOW A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE POTENTIAL COMMUNITY  
2 BENEFITS THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS COULD BE OFFSETTING OPEN SPACE,  
3 FUNDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REMAINING 140 ACRES,  
4 DONATING 140 ACRES TO CONSERVANCY, REBUILDING THE STABLES,  
5 MIKE, TO MAKE THEM LEGAL. THEY'RE ILLEGAL RIGHT NOW. SO WE'RE  
6 NOT TAKING THE POSITION ON THE PROJECT, JUST WHETHER OR NOT  
7 THE COMMUNITY HAS THE RIGHT TO HAVE INPUT ON THIS 30 OF THE  
8 170 ACRES.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE POINT, THOSE STABLES COULD BE REBUILT.  
11 THERE'S NO PROHIBITION ABOUT HAVING STABLES THERE. AND THE  
12 OWNER, WHEN HE SIGNED ON THE FINAL MAP, HE...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THERE WAS A DISTINCT CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...RELINQUISHED ALL RIGHTS TO DEVELOP THAT  
17 AND DECLARED IT AS OPEN SPACE. THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT. THE  
18 OWNER DID RELINQUISH THAT ON THE FINAL MAP AND THE TAX  
19 ASSESSOR SO ASSESSED THE PROPERTY, AND THAT'S WHY IT'S A 6-  
20 DOLLAR ASSESSMENT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S INTERESTING. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING  
23 THAT THE OWNER OWNS IT AND, FOR THE MOST PART, BUILT THE  
24 STABLES AND COLLECTS RENT ON THE STABLES SO HE DOES MAKE MONEY  
25 ON IT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT UNTIL WE HAD...

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4 **GORDON YOVOE:** I DON'T BELIEVE THERE'S ANY RENT PAID.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S NOT TRUE. THERE IS.

7

8 **GORDON YOVOE:** OKAY.

9

10 **DAVE SHIBLEY:** YES, THERE IS.

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12 **GORDON YOVOE:** MAY I RESP-- A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS JUST TO  
13 RESPOND?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THEN WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON TO  
16 MR. SHIBLEY.

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18 **GORDON YOVOE:** I REALIZE MY TIME IS UP.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY.

21

22 **GORDON YOVOE:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I THINK YOU ARE  
23 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT AND, CLEARLY, WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN HERE IS WE  
24 NEED TO GET THIS PROPERTY INTO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP SO THAT THE  
25 STATUS IS PERMANENT. IT IS NOT PERMANENT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT



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1 IS IN PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS ARE PROCESSED  
2 EVERY DAY. JURISDICTIONAL LINES MAY CHANGE EVERY DAY. THE BEST  
3 GUARANTEE OF FINAL ABSOLUTE RESOLUTION IS PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF  
4 THE PROPERTY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. SHIBLEY.

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8 **DAVE SHIBLEY:** MY NAME IS DAVE SHIBLEY. I'M ALSO PART OF THIS  
9 APPLICANT TEAM. MR. YOVOE IS MY PARTNER. I'M MOSTLY ACTIVE IN  
10 SAN DIEGO COUNTY. I STAND ON A COMMITTEE THERE THAT ADVISES  
11 THE SUPERVISORS FOR PLANNING FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS. I'M USED  
12 TO DEALING WITH THESE COMPLEX LAND ISSUES. MY FIRST QUESTION  
13 BEING OF THE SUPERVISOR OF THE THIRD DISTRICT, THE COMMENT I  
14 WOULD SAY TO YOU IS I DON'T PICK YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL AND I FIND  
15 IT A LITTLE INAPPROPRIATE IN MY MIND TO TAINT THE DECISION  
16 FROM YOUR BOARD TO BRING UP THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A LEGAL  
17 COUNSEL THAT YOU FOLKS HAVE HAVING DISPLEASURE WITH. I WOULD  
18 KINDLY AND RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THAT DOESN'T INFLUENCE A VOTE  
19 IN THE DECISION THAT YOU WOULD MAKE.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME INTERRUPT YOU. I DIDN'T  
22 EXPRESS ANY DISPLEASURE. I WAS ONLY POINTING OUT THAT YOUR  
23 LEGAL COUNSEL, YOUR LAW FIRM, HAS MADE AN ARGUMENT IN THIS--  
24 BEFORE THIS BOARD JUST A FEW WEEKS-- FEW MONTHS AGO THAT  
25 ACCUSED THIS BOARD OF VIOLATING HIS CLIENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS OR



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1 SUGGESTED THAT HIS CLIENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS WERE BEING VIOLATED  
2 BECAUSE OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE COUNTY IN SIMILAR  
3 CIRCUMSTANCES WERE BEING TREATED DIFFERENTLY. AND WHAT I WAS  
4 POINTING OUT NOW, AND I THINK I WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE NOT TO  
5 POINT IT OUT AND CERTAINLY NOT TO TAKE IT INTO ACCOUNT, THAT,  
6 IF THERE'S ANY MERIT TO THAT ARGUMENT, I'M NOT SURE THERE IS,  
7 BUT IF THERE'S ANY MERIT TO THAT ARGUMENT, THAT I CERTAINLY  
8 WOULDN'T WANT TO CREATE YET ANOTHER INCONSISTENTLY USING YOUR  
9 LAW FIRM'S-- YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL'S TERMINOLOGY, THAT WOULD MAKE  
10 US VULNERABLE, THAT MIGHT FORCE SOMEBODY ELSE IN SOME OTHER  
11 PART OF THE COUNTY TO RELINQUISH AN OPEN SPACE DEDICATION WHEN  
12 WE DIDN'T INTEND TO. IT'S NOT-- YOUR LAW FIRM IS A VERY GOOD  
13 LAW FIRM. HIGHLY COMPETENT. MR. MOORE, WHO'S YOUR DIRECT LEGAL  
14 COUNSEL, IS AN EXTREMELY COMPETENT LAWYER. SO PLEASE DON'T  
15 ASCRIBE ANY COMMENTS TO ME BUT LAWYERS ARE LAWYERS.

16

17 **DAVE SHIBLEY:** AND I THINK, AGAIN, IT WOULD BE IRRESPONSIBLE ON  
18 MY PART IF I JUST KINDLY ASK THAT IT DOESN'T INFLUENCE THE  
19 BOARD'S DECISION IN THE ISSUES BEFORE YOU TODAY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME BE CLEAR. WHO YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL IS  
22 DOES NOT INFLUENCE MY DECISION.

23

24 **DAVE SHIBLEY:** THANK YOU. THAT'S ALL I NEEDED TO KNOW. THAT'S  
25 ALL I'M ASKING IS A FAIR SHAKE, SIR. THANK YOU. IN REGARDS TO





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1 THE COMMENT THAT CAME FORTH, THE REIDS OWN THIS PROPERTY. THEY  
2 ARE DRAWING \$600 A YEAR IN INCOME OFF CATTLE GRAZING. THEY  
3 WERE NOT EVEN AWARE THAT THERE IS AN EQUESTRIAN FACILITY  
4 UNLESS THEY VISIT THE PROJECT ABOUT ONCE EVERY FOUR YEARS.  
5 WHEN THEY SAW IT, THEY GOT NOTICES FROM THE COUNTY. THEY TOOK  
6 ACTION TO GET IT TAKEN CARE OF. WE, AS THE DEVELOPERS, HAVE  
7 VOLUNTEERED TO CLEAN THAT UP. IN DIRECT RESPONSE TO SUPERVISOR  
8 ANTONOVICH READING OFF THE MAP, I WOULD READ THIS TO YOU, "WE  
9 HEREBY DEDICATE TO THE COUNTY..." AND THIS IS SIGNED BY MR.  
10 REID, THE PROPERTY OWNER. "WE HEREBY DEDICATE TO THE COUNTY OF  
11 LOS ANGELES THE RIGHT TO RESTRICT THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
12 COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS WITHIN LOT 6," WHICH  
13 WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH YOUR POINT. BELOW THAT, HANDWRITTEN  
14 AND SIGNED AND PART OF THE RECORD IS, "WE HEREBY DEDICATE TO  
15 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THE RIGHT TO RESTRICT THE ERECTION  
16 OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER STRUCTURES WITHIN THOSE AREAS DESIGNATED  
17 ON THE MAP AS RESTRICTED USE AREAS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS  
18 GEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS ARE ELIMINATED." THIS WAS A SIX-PHASE  
19 PROJECT. THIS WAS LOT NUMBER 6 WITH THIS. THE REIDS HAVE  
20 ALWAYS BEEN UNDER THE INTERPRETATION THEY STILL HAD IN  
21 TIMELESS LENGTH. THAT'S WHY THEY WROTE THIS ON THE DOCUMENTS  
22 THAT WERE SIGNED AND PART OF THE MAP. THAT'S WHERE THE  
23 AMBIGUITIES ALWAYS HAVE BEEN IN THIS THING. WHAT IS HAPPENING  
24 HERE IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED EVERY TIME WE HAVE GONE TO PLANNING  
25 COMMISSION. IT HAS EVOLVED INTO A LEGAL ISSUE OF WHETHER OR



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1 NOT THIS IS AN OPEN SPACE CONVERSION. WE HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE  
2 TO PRESENT THE MERITS OF THE PROJECT AND THE BENEFITS THAT  
3 WE'RE OFFERING. I ALSO SAY AND REALLY FEEL THAT YOU CAN'T USE-  
4 - WHEN I SEND MY WIFE TO SHOP FOR A DRESS, I'LL GUARANTEE YOU  
5 SHE DOESN'T PICK ONE OFF THE RACK AND SAY, "THIS DRESS FITS  
6 EVERY WOMAN." IT DOESN'T HAPPEN. AND I THINK, ON YOUR LAND USE  
7 POLICY, IT'S EVEN MORE COMPLICATED THAN THAT. WHAT WE DID WHEN  
8 I LOOKED AT THIS FOUR YEARS AGO, I MERELY PERCEIVED WHEN THERE  
9 WERE SOME INCONSISTENCIES AND YOU CAN MAKE AN ARGUMENT ON  
10 EITHER SIDE OF THE CASE WHETHER THIS WAS OPEN SPACE OR NOT.  
11 THEY DOCUMENT HERE THAT I JUST READ FROM, THE SAME DOCUMENT  
12 YOU OPENED THAT UP, THEY CLEARED UP THE GEOLOGICAL PROBLEM. WE  
13 HAVE DONE THAT ON LOT 6. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN THE REID'S  
14 IMPRESSION THAT'S WHY THEY HAVE NEVER DEDICATED THIS OPEN  
15 SPACE. IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, WHEN WE RECORD A FINAL MAP, YOU  
16 ARE REQUIRED TO DO A GRANT DEED, GRANTING THE OPEN SPACE  
17 EASEMENT, TITLE PASSES, IT GOES TO A CONSERVATORY OF THE  
18 COUNTY AND THE FUNDS ARE PASSED TO MAINTAIN IT. THAT HAS NEVER  
19 OCCURRED ON THIS PROPERTY. WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN OUR POSITION  
20 IS WE WANT TO OFFER ALL THESE PUBLIC BENEFITS. IF YOU WANT TO  
21 CALL THIS AN OPEN SPACE STATION CONVERSION, WHATEVER NAME YOU  
22 WANT TO DO IT, WE DISAGREE WITH THAT. IT'S UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
23 AND THESE DOCUMENTS PROVE THAT. WHAT WE HAVE DONE TO ELIMINATE  
24 THAT AND TAKE ANY LEGAL OBLIGATION ON YOUR PART TO ANSWER  
25 ANYBODY WHO SAYS YOU'RE BEING TREATED DIFFERENTLY, AS PART OF



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1 THIS APPLICATION, WE ARE DOING A COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT  
2 BECAUSE WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY AND OUR LEGAL COUNSEL, CHUCK  
3 MOORE, HAS LOOKED THIS OVER AND FEELS VERY STRONGLY THAT THERE  
4 IS A LEGAL POSITION, THERE ARE ENTITLEMENTS LEFT ON THIS  
5 PROPERTY. WE ARE USING 30 ACRES, APPROXIMATELY 30 ACRES FOR  
6 THE DEVELOPMENT FOOTPRINT OUT OF 175, WHICH LEADS YOU BACK TO  
7 THE ORIGINAL MAP THAT REQUIRES 50% TO BE OPEN SPACE. THAT  
8 MEANS 145 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE WILL EXIST. IT WILL GO TO A  
9 CONSERVATORY, THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO USE IT, WE WILL  
10 COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRAIL.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SHIBLEY. THANK YOU, SIR.

13

14 **DAVE SHIBLEY:** AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I'LL BE GLAD TO  
15 ANSWER THEM.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SHIBLEY. I'M SORRY?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A QUESTION. I HAVE A GENERIC  
20 QUESTION.

21

22 **DAVE SHIBLEY:** YES, SIR.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF OUR COUNSEL AND THEN I'LL FOLLOW UP. DOES  
25 THE PROPERTY OWNER OR THE DEVELOPER HAVE THE ABILITY TO



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1 INITIATE AN APPLICATION FOR A ZONING MODIFICATION OR A PLAN  
2 AMENDMENT ON THIS PROPERTY WITHOUT HAVING TO COME TO THE BOARD  
3 AND HAVE US INITIATE IT, OR EVEN HAVING TO DO WHAT MR. KNABE'S  
4 MOTION DOES, WHICH FALLS SHORT OF THAT BUT ENGAGES THE ISSUE?

5

6 **RICHARD WEISS:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK I UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION  
7 BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE BOARD UNDERSTANDS WHAT EXACTLY THE  
8 STATUS OF THIS CASE IS. THIS MATTER IS THE SUBJECT OF AN  
9 APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, A TENTATIVE MAP AND  
10 A GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT. THE COMMISSION DENIED THIS PROJECT.  
11 THE MATTER WAS APPEALED TO YOUR BOARD. YOUR BOARD HAS OPTIONS  
12 WHEN AN APPEAL IS GIVEN TO A LAND USE MATTER. TYPICALLY, YOU  
13 HOLD A HEARING ON THE APPEAL BUT YOUR BOARD HAS OTHER OPTIONS,  
14 WHICH YOU USE RARELY BUT SOMETIMES YOU USE. SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
15 MOTION IS ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO HOLDING AN APPEAL  
16 HEARING. THE COUNTY CODE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZES YOUR BOARD,  
17 IN LIEU OF HOLDING AN APPEAL HEARING, TO REFER THE MATTER BACK  
18 TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH OR WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. SO HE  
19 HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF ONE OF THE OPTIONS. THIS MATTER IS A  
20 MOTION, IN ESSENCE, TO HANDLE THE APPEAL BY REFERRING THIS  
21 MATTER BACK TO THE COMMISSION WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE  
22 COMMISSION TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT THERE ARE BENEFITS AND  
23 OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT WHICH MIGHT LEAD THE COMMISSION  
24 TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF IT. SO THIS IS THE SUBJECT OF AN



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1 APPLICATION. THIS PROJECT HAS ALREADY BEEN THROUGH THE  
2 COMMISSION.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WAS THE COMMISSION-- I'M SORRY. WAS THE  
5 COMMISSION-- DID THE COMMISSION HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
6 C.U.P.?

7

8 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, ON THE PROJECT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WERE THE ARGUMENTS THAT ARE BEING MADE HERE  
11 AND THAT WOULD PRESUMABLY BE MADE AGAIN, WERE THE ARGUMENTS  
12 MADE TO THE COMMISSION ABOUT THE BENEFITS, THE RELATIVE  
13 BENEFITS?

14

15 **RICHARD WEISS:** I BELIEVE-- I HAVE READ THE TRANSCRIPTS, OR AT  
16 LEAST SOME OF THEM. I BELIEVE THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION  
17 REGARDING THE BENEFITS. I WOULD DEFER TO MISS FITZGERALD. MY  
18 TAKE ON THE PROCEEDINGS WAS THAT, AT SOME POINT, THE  
19 COMMISSION, HAVING WRESTLED WITH THIS ISSUE ABOUT CONVERSION  
20 OF PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED OPEN SPACES TO OTHER USES, DENIED THE  
21 PROJECT AND I BELIEVE, IN SOME SENSE, THIS IS LOOKING FOR SOME  
22 GUIDANCE FROM THE BOARD AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY SHOULD BE  
23 ENTERTAINING THE CONSIDERATION OF FREEING UP OPEN SPACE WHICH  
24 WAS PREVIOUSLY CONDITIONED AS PART OF A EARLIER LAND USE  
25 ENTITLEMENT.



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**SUP. BURKE:** MAY I ASK A QUESTION? NOW, WHAT I WANT TO REALLY GET VERY CLEAR IS WHAT THE BASIS OF REGIONAL-- OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION WAS AND WHETHER THEY REALLY EVER HELD A HEARING AND WENT INTO THE PROJECT. MY UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THEY DETERMINED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO GO THROUGH WITH A FULL HEARING AND TO LOOK AT ALL-- LOOK AT THE PROJECT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY BECAUSE OF THE COMMUNITY-- BECAUSE OF THE OPEN SPACE PROVISIONS.

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**ELLEN FITZGERALD:** I CAN ANSWER THAT. THE PLANNING COMMISSION DID CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 55-UNIT LAND DIVISION APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE C.U.P. AND THE OAK TREE PERMIT, AND THEY DID DISCUSS THE PROJECT, THE MERITS, BASICALLY THE MERITS OF THAT DESIGN. THEY ASKED FOR A REDESIGN OF THE PROJECT FROM 55 UNITS TO 43 UNITS, SO THEY DID AT LEAST EVALUATE THE DENSITY OF THE PROJECT. THEY HAD A SOMEWHAT CONCEPTUAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE PROJECT BENEFITS BECAUSE THERE WAS NOT REAL SPECIFIC DETAILS ON HOW SOME OF THESE BENEFITS WOULD BE PROVIDED. THERE WAS NOT DISCUSSION BY THE APPLICANT AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THEY COULD GET THE LOCAL CONSERVATION AGENCY TO ACCEPT THE PROPERTY. SO THERE WAS JUST NOT SUFFICIENT DETAILS PROVIDED ON THE POTENTIAL BENEFITS THE PROJECT COULD PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY.





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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S THE REASON WE'RE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION  
3 TODAY?

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5 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** AND ONE OTHER THING I CAN ADD IS THAT THE  
6 STABLE, WHICH WAS DISCOVERED AS A ZONING VIOLATION LATER IN  
7 THE PROCESS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING, THE DISCUSSION OF  
8 CONVERTING THAT INTO A PROPERLY OPERATING STABLE, THAT WAS NOT  
9 DISCUSSED WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE? IT'S BEFORE US.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I'D MOVE MY MOTION. I MEAN...

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. LET ME ASK A QUESTION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WANT TO ASK A QUESTION OF THE REGIONAL  
18 PLANNING. [ LIGHT LAUGHTER ]

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I HAVEN'T SPOKEN YET.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M FOLLOWING YOU.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET ME JUST ASK A QUESTION  
25 ABOUT PROCESS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT, IF WE VOTE ON THIS



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1 MOTION, SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION WOULD SEND IT BACK TO THE  
2 PLANNING COMMISSION. IF WE VOTE "NO", IT BASICALLY CONTINUES  
3 BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND WOULD COME BACK TO US  
4 AGAIN. IS THIS THE APPEAL NOW?

5

6 **RICHARD WEISS:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS THE APPEAL NOW.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

9

10 **RICHARD WEISS:** IF SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION FAILS, THEN YOU  
11 STILL HAVE AN APPEAL BEFORE YOU, IN WHICH CASE THE BOARD WOULD  
12 HAVE TO TAKE ONE OF THE OTHER OPTIONS AND THAT IS TO SCHEDULE  
13 AN APPEAL HEARING ON THE MERITS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I MEANT.

16

17 **RICHARD WEISS:** RIGHT. BUT THAT WOULD BE HERE.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** MY MOTION SENDS IT BACK TO THE PLANNING  
22 COMMISSION.

23



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, I UNDERSTAND THAT BUT IF, IN FACT,  
2   THIS MOTION DOES NOT PASS, THEN THEY WOULD FILE ANOTHER APPEAL  
3   THAT WOULD BE APPEALED TO THIS BOARD, IS THAT CORRECT?

4

5   **RICHARD WEISS:** IT'S HERE. THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR ANOTHER  
6   APPEAL.

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THEN THIS IS THE FINAL  
9   ACTION?

10

11   **RICHARD WEISS:** WELL, TODAY'S, NO. NO MATTER-- NO MATTER-- NO  
12   MATTER...

13

14   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE APPEAL IS NOW BEFORE THE BOARD BUT NOT  
15   BEFORE US TODAY.

16

17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHICH IS WHAT I WANT TO UNDERSTAND. THERE  
18   WILL BE ANOTHER HEARING WHICH YOU WILL HAVE TO SET AND NOTICE  
19   AND THAT WILL COME BEFORE US.

20

21   **RICHARD WEISS:** WHATEVER HAPPENS TODAY IS NOT THE FINAL WORD ON  
22   THIS PROJECT. IF THE MOTION IS SUCCESSFUL, IT IS BACK TO THE  
23   COMMISSION. IF THE MOTION FAILS, THEN YOUR BOARD PROBABLY  
24   NEEDS TO SET THIS FOR AN APPEAL HEARING HERE.

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I WANTED TO FIND OUT WHAT THE  
2    PROCESS WAS BECAUSE IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PLANNING  
3    COMMISSION IS BASICALLY ASKING FOR DIRECTION, IN A SENSE. MY  
4    CONCERN IS IS, AS I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I HAVE A  
5    COMMITMENT. WHEN WE GO OUT AND WE DO THESE KINDS OF HEARINGS  
6    AND THERE'S THESE KINDS OF DEVELOPMENTS AND THERE IS  
7    COMMITMENT TO PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT OPEN SPACE, IT'S  
8    VERY PRECIOUS PART OF WHAT WE DO AND, CONSEQUENTLY, OUR  
9    COMMITMENT IS TO THE PUBLIC AND TO THE PEOPLE WHO PERMIT THE  
10    DEVELOPMENT USUALLY UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AND THERE ARE A  
11    SERIES OF CONDITIONS THAT ARE PUT IN PLACE. I WOULD HATE TO  
12    DISHONOR THAT KIND OF A COMMITMENT FROM THIS BOARD AND I THINK  
13    THAT'S THE RESPONSIBILITY AND THE DUTY THAT WE HAVE HERE. AND  
14    SO SENDING IT BACK I THINK WOULD BE THE WRONG MESSAGE, NO  
15    MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES ARE. THEY WILL HAVE AN  
16    OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THEIR CASE TO US, AND IF WE COULD FIND  
17    THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE SO UNUSUAL, WE COULD MAKE A  
18    DETERMINATION THEN. BUT TO SEND IT BACK I WOULD THINK WOULD BE  
19    THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF ALL FOR ME BECAUSE WE MIGHT BE SETTING  
20    IN PLACE DEVELOPERS TO START LOOKING AT A LOT OF THE OPEN  
21    SPACE LAND AND INTERPRETING THIS TO KIND OF HAVE A FREE RUN  
22    WHEREVER THEY GO AND LOOK AT THOSE VERY UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES  
23    AND I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT AND SO...  
24



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1    **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT'S FINE BUT MY MOTION, LIKE I SAY, DOES  
2    NOT TAKE A POSITION ON THE CASE BUT IT SENDS IT BACK.

3

4    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT-- WELL, BUT THAT-- BUT IT SENDS...

5

6    **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHAT I CONSIDER BAD PUBLIC  
7    POLICY, THEN WHAT YOU'RE SAYING TODAY, IF YOU REJECT MY  
8    MOTION, IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION,  
9    HEY, IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, JUST KICK AT THE BOARD.

10

11    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE SAYING.

12

13    **SUP. KNABE:** YES, YOU ARE.

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15    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE SAYING  
16    BECAUSE...

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18    **SUP. KNABE:** ABSOLUTELY.

19

20    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ...THEY'VE ALREADY MADE THIS...

21

22    **SUP. KNABE:** YOU'LL HAVE TO SET A HEARING HERE.

23

24    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

25



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1   **DAVE SHIBLEY:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD YOU CLARIFY FOR THE  
2   APPLICATION, PLEASE, FOR ME BECAUSE I HEARD YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL  
3   IS SAYING THAT THIS IS AN APPEAL HEARING AND I HEAR YOU'RE  
4   SAYING NO AND YOU ALSO HAVE TO REMEMBER, 43 OF THE PEOPLE THAT  
5   MOVED INTO ROWLAND HEIGHTS SIGNED ACCESS AGREEMENTS WHEN THEY  
6   BOUGHT HOUSES FROM THEM.

7

8   **SUP. KNABE:** OUR COUNSEL IS NOT SAYING IT'S AN APPEAL HEARING.  
9   HE'S SAYING THIS IS NOT APPEAL HEARING...

10

11   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, HE'S NOT. THAT'S WHY I KEPT ASKING FOR  
12   CLARIFICATION.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** THIS IS MY MOTION TO THE BOARD...

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHAT IS BEFORE US IS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S  
17   MOTION. I WAS ASKING ABOUT THE ACTION. IF WE WERE TO APPROVE  
18   SUPERVISOR KNABE'S ACTION, IT WOULD GO BACK TO THE PLANNING  
19   COMMISSION AND IT WOULD BE HEARD THERE. WHAT WE ARE SAYING NOW  
20   THAT, IF THIS IS APPROVED, YOU WILL MORE THAN LIKELY APPEAL  
21   AND WE WILL SET THE HEARING, CORRECT? AND YOU WILL HAVE A  
22   PROCESS FOR AN APPEAL BEFORE THIS BOARD.

23

24   **DAVE SHIBLEY:** THANK YOU.

25





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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE CLARIFICATION. IS THAT CORRECT?

2

3    **RICHARD WEISS:** OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT NO FURTHER APPEAL HAS  
4    TO BE FILED. THE MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF SETTING IT FOR  
7    AN APPEAL.

8

9    **RICHARD WEISS:** AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ASKED-- I WOULD JUST LIKE TO  
10    INFORM YOUR BOARD THAT YOUR BOARD DOES HAVE THE LEGAL  
11    AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER THIS APPLICATION. THERE'S BEEN  
12    DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS AND POINTS MADE REGARDING WHETHER OR  
13    NOT IT IS GOOD POLICY TO DO SO. FROM A LEGAL STANDPOINT,  
14    WHETHER OR NOT THE EFFECTUATION OF THIS OPEN SPACE, SET ASIDE  
15    WAS, BY CALLING IT OPEN SPACE, BY REQUIRING DEDICATION OF THE  
16    CONSTRUCTION RIGHTS, YOUR BOARD DOES RETAIN THE AUTHORITY TO  
17    CONSIDER RETHINKING THAT ISSUE ON THIS PROJECT, ON ANY OTHER  
18    PROPERTY, AS LONG AS THE PROPERTY HASN'T BEEN DEDICATED TO  
19    ANOTHER AGENCY OVER WHICH THE BOARD HAS NO CONTROL. SO,  
20    LEGALLY, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO CONSIDER THIS. IT'S CERTAINLY A  
21    SERIOUS POLICY ISSUE FOR THE COMMISSION AND FOR YOUR BOARD.

22

23    **SUP. BURKE:** MAY I ASK A QUESTION?

24

25    **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S AN IMPORTANT POINT.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** DO WE FOLLOW THE POLICY THAT THIS GENTLEMAN  
5 REFERRED TO OF HAVING A DEDICATED-- A DEED TO THE COUNTY OR TO  
6 THE CITY AT SUCH TIME AS THERE IS A DEDICATION OF OPEN SPACE?

7

8 **RICHARD WEISS:** NOT ALWAYS, AND I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH  
9 WHAT I UNDERSTOOD THE CHARACTERIZATION TO BE. WHEN THE  
10 COMMISSION AND YOUR BOARD APPROVED THIS PROJECT, IT REQUIRED  
11 THAT THE 170 ACRES BE SET ASIDE. AND THIS WASN'T AN INTERIM  
12 DETERMINATION BASED UPON A GEOLOGIC SOLUTION TO CERTAIN  
13 PROBLEMS. IT WAS CLEAR THAT THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CERTAIN  
14 AMOUNT OF ACREAGE SET ASIDE. THE BOARD DID DEDICATE OR REQUIRE  
15 THE DEDICATION OF THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT STRUCTURES, SO  
16 TECHNICALLY YOU RETAIN THE RIGHT TO AUTHORIZE IT BUT THIS WAS  
17 NOT AN INTERIM STEP. THE APPROVAL AT THAT TIME WAS FOR THE SET  
18 ASIDE OF THESE 170 ACRES. BUT, AS I SAID, YOUR BOARD DOES HAVE  
19 THE LEGAL RIGHT TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION, TO CONSIDER  
20 WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO ALLOW THAT TO BE ALTERED AT THIS  
21 POINT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY ONE THING. I THINK, FOR US TO  
24 GO THROUGH A LONG, DETAILED HEARING HERE ON THE MERITS AND THE  
25 DETAILS AND LISTEN TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND



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1 FIND OUT-- AND ALL THE DETAILS OF THE MERITS-- OR DEMERITS OF  
2 THE PROJECT, I WOULD RATHER SEE IT GO BACK TO PLANNING AND LET  
3 THEM GO THROUGH THE DETAILS OF IT, AND THEN THERE CAN BE AN  
4 APPEAL BACK TO US OF WHAT THE FINDINGS ARE. BUT FOR US TO--  
5 WE'RE ALMOST TAKING A POSITION OF BEING THE PLANNING  
6 COMMISSION. WHEN WE TAKE THESE APPEALS AND LOOK AT ALL THE  
7 DETAILS OF THE PROJECT, I THINK THAT THE NEIGHBORS THERE,  
8 OBVIOUSLY THERE'S BEEN HORSE-- I GUESS, STABLES THERE THAT  
9 HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR AWHILE NOW, SO I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR  
10 NOT THERE'S A WHOLE CONSTITUENCY OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GET RID  
11 OF THE STABLES OR A WHOLE CONSTITUENT OF PEOPLE WHO EXPECT  
12 THEM TO STAY. SO THESE ARE THE KIND OF THINGS THAT I THINK THE  
13 PLANNING COMMISSION CAN LOOK AT MUCH BETTER THAN WE CAN. WE  
14 CAN LOOK AT THEM BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S THE BEST  
15 DETERMINATION OF OUR-- AND USE OF OUR TIME IN LOOKING AT ALL  
16 OF THOSE ISSUES. I'D JUST AS SOON SEE IT GO BACK TO PLANNING  
17 COMMISSION.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REGIONAL PLANNING HAD THREE HEARINGS ON  
22 THIS ISSUE?

23

24 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** IT WAS SCHEDULED ON THREE DIFFERENT DATES  
25 AND IT WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AS...



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEY VOTED TO OPPOSE?

3

4 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THAT'S CORRECT, THEY VOTED TO DENY IT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT WAS BEFORE REGIONAL PLANNING AND THEY  
7 DID VOTE AGAINST IT.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU NEED TO READ THE TRANSCRIPT, MIKE. THEY  
10 DIDN'T-- THEY JUST PASSED THE BUCK.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, NOT PASSING THE BUCK. THEY WERE REALLY  
13 COMPLYING WITH AN AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN MADE IN 1991.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY SAID. READ THE TRANSCRIPT.  
16 READ THE TRANSCRIPT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE TAX ASSESSOR HAD...

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S NOT WHAT THEY SAID.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...AGREED TO IT. SO THE POINT IS, THERE'S  
23 BEEN DISCUSSION AND OPENING UP THIS PANDORA'S BOX OPENS UP  
24 POTENTIAL REVOCATIONS OF PAST AGREEMENTS BY THIS BOARD AND  
25 THAT'S A IRRESPONSIBLE POLICY.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S NOT TRUE. YOU NEED TO READ THE TRANSCRIPT.  
3 THAT'S NOT TRUE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE THE MOTION BEFORE US.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ASIDE FROM THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE, WHICH  
12 WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING, THERE'S THE ISSUE OF THE MOTION THAT'S  
13 BEFORE US. I READ IT LAST NIGHT AND IT'S NOT JUST TO SEND IT  
14 BACK FOR A HEARING. I THINK YOU CALLED IT WITH INSTRUCTIONS.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WITH INSTRUCTIONS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S VERY SUGGESTIVE AS TO WHAT THE  
19 COMMISSION OUGHT TO DO AND IT USES-- I DON'T HAVE IT IN FRONT  
20 OF ME BUT IT USES PHRASEOLOGY THAT YOU'VE HEARD FROM-- DO YOU  
21 HAVE THE MOTION HERE? THE RELATIVE BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSAL--  
22 HANG ON.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** WE WROTE THE MOTION WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF COUNTY  
25 COUNSEL, I BELIEVE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TAKE THE STEPS NECESSARY TO INITIATE AN  
3 AMENDMENT TO THE...

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, LAY IT OFF A LITTLE BIT HERE. [ LAUGHTER ]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, I'M SURE THE COUNTY COUNSEL HELPED IN  
8 DRAFTING THIS MOTION.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THEY DID.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE VERBIAGE. IT COULD  
13 HAVE BEEN DONE IN ONE PAGE BUT COUNTY COUNSEL GETS PAID BY THE  
14 WORD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S RIGHT. [ LAUGHTER ]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** THE ORIGINAL PLANNING LOOKED AT IT, ZEV.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. ITEM "C" SAYS, "CONSIDER POTENTIAL  
21 COMMUNITY BENEFITS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PROVISION  
22 OF ALTERNATIVE OPEN SPACE, CONVERSION OF PRIVATELY HELD TO  
23 PUBLICLY HELD OPEN SPACE, FUNDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF  
24 PUBLICLY HELD OPEN SPACE, FUNDING FOR EQUESTRIAN, HIKE AND  
25 TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS, IMPROVEMENTS [ INDISTINGUISHABLE ],





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1 FUNDING FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER COMMUNITY BENEFITS  
2 IDENTIFIED BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WORKING WITH THE APPLICANT."  
3 WHICH IS THE ARGUMENT THEY'VE BEEN MAKING. THAT, IF THEY GET  
4 THESE 40 OR WHATEVER IT IS UNITS OVER HERE AND THEN THE  
5 BALANCE OF THE OPEN SPACE IS THEN CONVERTED INTO A PUBLIC OPEN  
6 SPACE RATHER THAN A PRIVATE OPEN SPACE AND THEY PROVIDE A  
7 FUNDING STREAM TO MAINTAIN IT, THAT THERE WOULD BE WHAT I  
8 ASSUME ONE COULD ARGUE, I WOULDN'T NECESSARILY, BUT ONE COULD  
9 ARGUE THAT THERE WOULD BE A POTENTIAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT. AND--  
10 NOW, I UNDERSTAND MR. KNABE DOESN'T WANT TO JUST SEND THIS  
11 BACK WITHOUT SOME SUGGESTION BECAUSE, IF YOU JUST SEND IT BACK  
12 AND SAY DO IT AGAIN, YOU'RE GOING TO PROBABLY GET THE SAME OLD  
13 RESULT FROM THE COMMISSION. IT PROBABLY HASN'T CHANGED MUCH  
14 SINCE THE LAST TIME IT WAS THERE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, AND THE REASON, ZEV, THAT I DON'T WANT TO  
17 SEND IT BACK WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS IS BECAUSE, IF YOU READ THE  
18 TRANSCRIPT, THEY-- YOU KNOW, THEY HAD CONCERN, THEY'RE  
19 EXPRESSING CONCERNS THROUGHOUT THAT PROCESS AND THEY HAVE  
20 NUMEROUS COMMENTS IN HERE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING THINGS  
21 ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS BUT, BASICALLY, ON THIS THING BECAUSE  
22 THERE'S THIS CONFUSION OR DISAGREEMENT OVER QUOTE, UNQUOTE THE  
23 OPEN SPACE ISSUE AS RELATES TO CONSTRUCTION RIGHTS VERSUS  
24 DEDICATION, THEY JUST BASICALLY PASSED IT TO US AND THAT'S WHY  
25 I'M SENDING IT BACK WITH INSTRUCTIONS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY WOULDN'T WE JUST HEAR THEIR APPEAL,  
3 THEN? OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE A  
4 PUBLIC HEARING.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN-- AND THAT'S FINE, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT  
7 TO DO BUT THE POINT BEING IS WHAT YOU'RE REALLY SETTING  
8 PRECEDENT FOR FROM A PUBLIC POLICY STANDPOINT IS, IF THE  
9 PLANNING COMMISSION DOESN'T-- GETS, YOU KNOW, GETS A LITTLE  
10 NERVOUS ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THIS OR THAT, THEY'RE JUST GOING TO  
11 KICK EVERYTHING OVER HERE. FINE, IF YOU WANT TO DO IT. I MEAN,  
12 THAT'S-- THAT'S THE OTHER OPTION.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I-- WELL, I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO SEND  
15 THIS BACK TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH THESE INSTRUCTIONS  
16 AND MAYBE, RATHER THAN NEGOTIATE A LANGUAGE OR JUST ELIMINATE  
17 ALL THE LANGUAGE AND GETS THE SAME RESULT BACK, THAT MAYBE  
18 IT'S JUST AS WELL THAT WE JUST HAVE THE APPEAL HEARD HERE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK IT SUGGESTS TO THEM TO DO WHAT THEY  
23 WANT TO DO. I MEAN, I THINK IT OPENS THE DOOR, IT SUGGESTS  
24 THAT COMMUNITY-- POTENTIAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS-- THERE'S  
25 ALREADY A COMMUNITY BENEFIT, AND THAT'S THE HOWEVER MANY ACRES



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1 OF OPEN SPACE WERE DEDICATED IN THE ORIGINAL TRACT MAPS. SO  
2 NOW YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT CONSIDER POTENTIAL COMMUNITY  
3 BENEFITS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL THOSE THINGS, AND I  
4 THINK IT FRAMES IT NICELY FOR THEM TO BE ABLE TO-- WHAT  
5 THEY'RE PROPOSING...

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, COULD I PUT THE ITEM ON THE TABLE AND MAYBE  
8 WORK OUT THE LANGUAGE TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE INSTRUCTIONS?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I THINK YOU REALLY SHOULD BECAUSE I THINK THE MAIN  
11 THING THAT WE WANT TO DO IS GET IT BACK TO PLANNING FOR THEM  
12 TO LOOK AT IT IN DETAIL. NOW...

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEY HAVE \_\_\_\_\_ THIS DISCUSSION AS  
15 WELL, TOO.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ...AND THERE'S A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION HERE, FROM  
18 WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE DEPARTMENT AS TO WHETHER THEY READ  
19 ALL OF THE-- WHAT YOU SAY IS THEY WENT THROUGH ALL THE MERITS  
20 OF IT.

21

22 **ELLEN FITZGERALD:** THEY WENT THROUGH THE PROJECT DESIGN BRIEFLY  
23 AND THEY HEARD WHAT WERE POTENTIAL PUBLIC BENEFITS. THERE WAS  
24 NOT ANY REAL CLEAR-CUT DECISIONS FROM THE APPLICANTS-- THE  
25 PEOPLE THE APPLICANTS WORKED WITH TO SEE IF THEY COULD GET THE



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1 PROPERTY INTO PUBLIC HANDS. THERE WAS NOTHING PARTICULARLY  
2 DETAILED.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE:** AND SO I THINK THAT WHAT YOU REALLY SHOULD DO IS  
5 THE FACT THAT YOU SEND IT BACK TO THEM MAKES IT VERY CLEAR  
6 THAT WE'VE OBVIOUSLY LOOKED AT THE ISSUE AND THAT THERE IS A--  
7 IT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DECIDED. I GOT THE IMPRESSION FROM  
8 BOTH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND YAROSLAVSKY THAT THEY FELT  
9 THERE WAS NO AUTHORITY FOR US TO DO ANYTHING, SIMPLY BECAUSE,  
10 ONCE YOU HAVE THIS COMMUNITY PLAN AND IT'S DESIGNATED AS OPEN  
11 SPACE, YOU GIVE UP ALL OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY-- YOUR ABILITY  
12 TO CHANGE IT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, I DON'T THINK EITHER MIKE OR I SAID  
15 THAT. IN FACT, I THINK THAT RICK-- OR COUNTY COUNSEL SAID THAT  
16 WE DO HAVE THE AUTHORITY SINCE IT'S PRIVATELY DEDICATED. I  
17 THINK WHAT BOTH MIKE AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND MYSELF  
18 CERTAINLY IMPLICITLY WERE SAYING WAS WHETHER IT WAS A  
19 APPROPRIATE PUBLIC POLICY TO GO BACK ON A COMMITMENT THAT WAS  
20 MADE.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S CORRECT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THERE'S AN ISSUE HERE AND THAT'S WHY--  
25 THAT'S WHY I'M HAVING A PROBLEM WITH SENDING IT BACK BECAUSE,



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1 IF I'M A COMMISSIONER-- HERE'S MY PROBLEM: IF I'M A  
2 COMMISSIONER ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND WE JUST SEND IT  
3 BACK WITHOUT ANY INSTRUCTION, THEN I'M GOING TO BE PRETTY  
4 AGITATED. YOU KNOW, THEY'VE GOT A FULL CALENDAR, THEY'VE GOT A  
5 LOT OF ISSUES TO DEAL WITH. WHY ARE THEY SENDING THIS BACK?  
6 WHY DIDN'T THEY HAVE THE GUTS TO RESOLVE THE APPEAL ON THEIR  
7 OWN?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, LIKE WE SEND THEM MANY THINGS BACK.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PARDON?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** WE SEND MANY THINGS BACK.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT THAT MANY. AT LEAST NOT THAT I CAN THINK  
16 OF. BUT ANYWAY...

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THINGS DO CHANGE. YOU KNOW, I MEAN, IF...

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT WHAT HAS CHANGED?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** IF ALL THE NEIGHBORS-- WELL, LET ME SAY THIS. IF  
23 ALL THE NEIGHBORS WANTED OPEN SPACE THERE AT THE TIME THAT  
24 THIS WAS DECIDED, SUBSEQUENT TO THAT TIME, THERE WERE STABLES  
25 PUT IN THERE THAT THE COMMUNITY PROBABLY USED AND THEY MAY



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1 HAVE A REAL INTEREST IN KEEPING, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD LISTEN  
2 TO THEM AND THE APPROPRIATE PLACE TO LISTEN TO THEM MAY BE TO  
3 BRING ALL THOSE PEOPLE IN HERE FOR US TO HEAR, AS WE DO  
4 SOMETIMES, OR MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE PLANNING  
5 COMMISSION TO LISTEN TO ALL OF THEM. NOW, THERE MAY BE PEOPLE  
6 WHO SAY, "WE WANT TO GET RID OF ALL THE STABLES, THAT WHAT WE  
7 WANT IS JUST TO HAVE A PARK THERE, OR MAYBE WE WANT NO KIND OF  
8 PARK THERE AND WE MAY NOT WANT EVEN A PARK THAT'S USED, WE MAY  
9 JUST WANT IT TO BE A SILENT PARK." BUT THE APPROPRIATE PLACE  
10 TO HEAR THAT, I DO THINK, IS IN THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND,  
11 WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT, THINGS DO CHANGE AND SOMETIMES  
12 DIFFERENT USES ARE MADE OF DIFFERENT PROPERTIES OVER A PERIOD  
13 OF TIME. NOW, OBVIOUSLY, WE DO HAVE A RIGHT TO CONSIDER THOSE  
14 CHANGES IN USE. NOW, I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH THIS EXCEPT TO SAY  
15 THAT I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THERE WERE STABLES THERE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU KNOW, MY ISSUE HERE IS THE  
18 COMMITMENT OF THIS BOARD. WE MAKE A COMMITMENT, THE COMMUNITY  
19 HOPEFULLY RESPECTS THE COMMITMENT THAT WE MAKE, AND IT'S A  
20 COMMITMENT THAT'S IN WRITING AND IF THEY CAN'T TRUST THAT KIND  
21 OF A COMMITMENT AND WE DON'T STAND BY OUR WORD, THEN WE ARE  
22 NOT TRUSTWORTHY AND THAT'S MY CONCERN HERE. I THINK IF YOU  
23 OPEN THIS UP AND SEND IT BACK AND CHANGE THE USES, YOU'RE  
24 MAKING A HUGE MISTAKE AND IT OPENS US UP. I THINK DEVELOPERS  
25 WILL GO WILD LOOKING AT ALL OPEN SPACE TRYING TO FIND THAT





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1 SPECIAL INTERPRETATION AND IT REALLY IS A PROBLEM FOR US. MS.  
2 BURKE, DO I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE SECONDING-- YOU'RE GOING  
3 TO SECOND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION?

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5 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL SECOND BUT I THINK HE SHOULD REMOVE THE  
6 DIRECTIONS.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, I CAN AMEND THE MOTION TO REMOVE THE  
9 DIRECTION AND JUST SAY THAT THEY SEND IT BACK TO PLANNING  
10 COMMISSION TO ALLOW A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER COMMUNITY  
11 BENEFITS, PERIOD.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I'VE TRIED TO FIGURE OUT A WAY  
14 TO BE ACCOMMODATING ON THAT. I JUST-- I DON'T SEE ANY WAY THAT  
15 ANY INSTRUCTION WOULD HAVE ANY OTHER IMPACT OTHER THAN TO  
16 SUGGEST THAT WE DISAGREED WITH THEIR ORIGINAL DECISION AND  
17 THAT'S MY PROBLEM. AND IF YOU SAY NOTHING, THEN I THINK IT--  
18 IT'S-- HERE'S WHAT I THINK WE OUGHT TO DO, MR. KNABE. I THINK  
19 WE OUGHT TO DO IT HERE. IF, AFTER WE HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING  
20 HERE, THERE'S ENOUGH NEW INFORMATION, SOME BOLT OF LIGHTNING  
21 OR SOMETHING, WE CAN, AT THAT POINT-- MR. WEISS, ARE YOU HERE?  
22 AT THAT POINT, IF WE HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING HERE ON THE APPEAL,  
23 IF, AT THAT POINT THE BOARD WANTS TO REFER IT BACK TO THE  
24 COMMISSION, IT CAN DO IT AT THAT TIME. RIGHT? UNTIL WE MAKE A  
25 DECISION ON THE APPEAL, WE CAN REFER IT BACK AT ANY TIME?



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2 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES, YOU CAN.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THAT'S WHAT I THINK I'D PREFER TO  
5 DO.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO THEN YOU HAVE AMENDED IT TO  
8 REMOVE ANY...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, WE COULD-- I MEAN, I'M NOT SURE ON THE  
11 LANGUAGE BUT SOMETHING TO THE EFFECT THAT WE SEND IT BACK TO  
12 THE PLANNING COMMISSION, INDICATE THAT THE BOARD HAS TAKEN NO  
13 POSITION ON THE MERITS OF THE APPLICATION UNTIL IT'S RETURNED  
14 TO THE BOARD FOLLOWING THE COMMISSION'S RECONSIDERATION,  
15 SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THAT HAS BEEN-- THAT IS BEFORE  
18 US. IT'S MOVED AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE. VIOLET, CAN  
19 YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL?

20

21 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR BURKE?

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23 **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?



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2     **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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4     **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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6     **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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8     **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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10    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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12    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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14    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

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16    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THE MOTION FAILS 3-TO-2.

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18    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO THEN DO WE SCHEDULE THAT FOR A HEARING?

19

20    **RICHARD WEISS:** I BELIEVE THE PRACTICAL EFFECT IS THAT THE

21    CLERK OF THE BOARD SHOULD NOW SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE

22    APPEAL.

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24    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN WOULD THAT BE?

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE'LL ORDER HER TO FIND AN APPROPRIATE  
2    DATE.

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4    **RICHARD WEISS:** IT WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST 30 DAYS NOTICE. IT'LL  
5    PROBABLY BE 45 TO 60 DAYS.

6

7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WE WILL SCHEDULE THAT. ALL RIGHT.  
8    SUPERVISOR KNABE, OTHER ITEMS? WE CAN HOLD-- WE HAVE A SET  
9    ITEM. DO YOU WANT TO HEAR THAT NOW? WE HAVE A SET ITEM. IT'S  
10   MY-- S-2 IS BEFORE US. S-3 HAS BEEN CONTINUED. IF WE COULD  
11   HAVE DR. GARTHWAITE AND MISS ROBERTSON.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE:** I DO HAVE A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK WHILE HE'S COMING  
14   UP. DUE TO AT LEAST ONE MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY IN  
15   HACIENDA HEIGHTS THAT HAS GONE INTO OPERATION AFTER THE  
16   BOARD'S MORATORIUM OF MAY 31ST, 2005, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
17   SUPERVISORS INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL  
18   PLANNING AND OTHER APPROPRIATE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO TAKE  
19   IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S  
20   ORDINANCE AND THE MORATORIUM ON NEW MEDICAL DISPENSARIES. I  
21   FURTHER MOVE THAT THE SHERIFF BE REQUESTED TO REPORT BACK  
22   WITHIN 30 DAYS ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S INTERIM  
23   MORATORIUM ORDINANCE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS PENDING THE  
24   COUNTY'S REGULATION OF DISPENSARIES, IF THE DISPENSARIES ARE



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1 LEGAL, PURSUANT TO THE RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISION, AND THAT  
2 WILL BE FOR NEXT WEEK.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. KNABE. DR.  
5 GARTHWAITE.

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7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SUPERVISORS, DURING THE PAST WEEK, WE  
8 CONTINUE TO, I THINK, MAKE PROGRESS AT KING DREW MEDICAL  
9 CENTER. WE HAD A LARGE MEETING OF ALL THE RADIOLOGY CHIEFS  
10 FROM AROUND THE SYSTEM. THIS ALSO INCLUDED THE TWO CHAIRS FROM  
11 U.C.L.A. AND U.S.C. AND I THINK THAT IT WAS THE FIRST TIME  
12 THAT ALL THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD EVER SAT DOWN AND REALLY TRIED  
13 TO STRATEGIZE ABOUT BOTH HOW TO IMPROVE SERVICES AT KING DREW  
14 MEDICAL CENTER AND THROUGHOUT THE SYSTEM. WE ARE PUTTING  
15 TOGETHER A PLANNING DOCUMENT BASED ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS AND,  
16 AS SOON AS WE'VE HAD THE CHANCE FOR THE GROUP TO COMMENT ON  
17 AND AMEND THAT, I WILL GET IT OUT FOR A BROADER DISCUSSION.  
18 BUT I THINK IT WAS, IN MY READING, A VERY ENCOURAGING  
19 DEVELOPMENT. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO GAIN SPEED.  
20 WE'RE MEETING WEEKLY. WE ARE EXTENDING OUR MEETINGS FROM 7:30  
21 UNTIL 10:00 IN THE MORNING ON WEDNESDAYS, SO THIS IS A VERY  
22 SUBSTANTIVE MEETING. IT HAS BEEN, I THINK, VERY HELPFUL. JIM  
23 LOTT FROM THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION IS CHAIRING THAT MEETING  
24 BUT EVERYONE IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED AND THERE'S A CONSIDERABLE  
25 AMOUNT OF WORK THAT OCCURS OUTSIDE THE MEETING. DR. FLORES



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1 ATTENDED THAT MEETING THIS THURSDAY AS WELL. I THINK THE OTHER  
2 THINGS ARE FAIRLY SELF-EXPLANATORY. WE DID HAVE A LEAK, WHICH  
3 IS DETAILED IN THE REPORT TO YOU, THAT LARGELY WAS CLEANED UP  
4 AND FIXED. AND NAVIGANT IS MOVING TO PROVIDE THEIR DATA ON A  
5 SUNDAY THROUGH SATURDAY BASIS. WE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE DATA  
6 OUT QUICKLY TO THE VARIOUS OVERSIGHT BOARDS SO THAT YOU HAVE  
7 THE BENEFIT OF THEIR ASSESSMENT OF OUR PROGRESS AS WELL. AND  
8 THE FINAL THING I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH THE BOARD IS I'M  
9 BEGINNING TO MOVE MY ACTIVITIES TO A BETTER BALANCE BETWEEN  
10 THE DEPARTMENT AND KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. I CURRENTLY AM  
11 INVOLVED IN THE CALLS ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY  
12 MORNINGS, THE WEEKLY AD HOC COMMITTEE, WHICH IS 7:30 IN THE  
13 MORNING UNTIL 10:00. I WOULD PROPOSE THAT I CONTINUE TO GO TO  
14 THE THURSDAY DEPARTMENTAL NAVIGANT UPDATE MEETINGS AS WELL AS  
15 MAKE ROUNDS AND SPEND THE GREATER PORTION OF MY DAY AT KING  
16 DREW MEDICAL CENTER ON THURSDAYS. AND, FINALLY, CONTINUE TO DO  
17 ALL THE AD HOC MEETINGS, BOTH WITH THE SCHOOL AND WITH OTHER  
18 PARTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, PHONE CALLS, E-MAILS AND SO FORTH  
19 THAT CONSUME A LARGE PART OF MY TIME. SO IF THAT'S ACCEPTABLE  
20 TO THE BOARD, I'LL BEGIN TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN SOON.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DR. GARTHWAITE, I NEED TO ASK YOU SOME  
23 QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE SETTLEMENT THAT WAS REACHED ON  
24 DR. LOCK AND I DON'T KNOW IF WE HAVE TO DO THIS IN CLOSED  
25 SESSION OR WHAT. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ACTION THAT WAS





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1 TAKEN WITHOUT ANY APPROVAL BY US, ANY REVIEW BY US, BY A  
2 CONCLUSION, I GUESS, THAT WAS LEGAL MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE  
3 AND I'M CONCERNED AS TO-- FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW  
4 UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY, AND I'M SURE YOU PROBABLY HAVE IT,  
5 OTHERWISE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT, BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IS  
6 THAT THE KIND OF MANNER IN WHICH WE ARE GOING TO TREAT MANY OF  
7 THE ISSUES? WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE VIOLATED, DEFRAUDED THE  
8 COUNTY AT M.L.K. SOME OF THE CASES I'VE SEEN ARE VERY, VERY  
9 SERIOUS. I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO GO INTO EACH ONE BECAUSE I  
10 THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, THOSE HAVE TO BE ADJUDICATED IN SOME  
11 FASHION BUT IF IT ALWAYS IS GOING TO BE THAT IT'S TOO MUCH OF  
12 A HASSLE TO CHASE AFTER SOMEBODY, I'M-- I'M CONCERNED. THE  
13 BIGGEST PROBLEM AT MARTIN LUTHER KING IS PERSONNEL. THE  
14 BIGGEST PROBLEM. EVERYTHING IS FAILING BECAUSE THERE'S NO  
15 ACCOUNTABILITY, THERE IS NO MANAGEMENT. I MEAN, PEOPLE ARE  
16 INTIMIDATED BY SOME OF THE TOP DOCTORS THERE. I SAW IT IN  
17 ACTION IN ONE OF THE MEETINGS I HAD. THERE'S A-- IT'S REALLY--  
18 AND ALL OF THAT IS FAILING THE COMMUNITY. BUT WHEN I READ  
19 ABOUT THE SITUATION WITH DR. LOCK AND THE CONCLUSION, I REALLY  
20 WANT TO UNDERSTAND UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY YOU DO THAT, NUMBER  
21 ONE. AND, SECONDLY, IS THAT HOW YOU INTEND TO DEAL WITH MANY  
22 OF THE OTHER VIOLATORS, INCLUDING THE CRIMINAL VIOLATION AND  
23 OTHER KINDS OF CORRUPT VIOLATIONS OF OUR POLICIES?  
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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** SUPERVISOR, I'M GLAD YOU ASKED THAT  
2 QUESTION AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT I DON'T THINK WE CAN  
3 TALK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THIS PARTICULAR CASE EXCEPT PERHAPS IN  
4 CLOSED SESSION BUT I WOULD REFER THAT TO COUNTY COUNSEL. SO  
5 LET ME JUST SAY...

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THAT THE CASE, MR. FORTNER? I MEAN,  
8 HE'S ALREADY OFF AND ON HIS MERRY WAY WITH HIS APPROVAL. WE  
9 DON'T HAVE A-- WE DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE ON IT, RIGHT?

10

11 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IN  
12 OUR PERSONNEL SYSTEM, IN THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM, THE  
13 DEPARTMENT, AS THE APPOINTING POWER, IS THE AUTHORITY WITH THE  
14 ABILITY TO SETTLE UP PERSONNEL ISSUE AND HAVE THIS AGREEMENT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO WE HAVE NO SAY?

17

18 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** ESSENTIALLY SO WITH RESPECT TO THE  
19 SPECIFIC PERSONNEL MATTER, THAT IS CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO-- BUT IT'S OVER. THEY ALREADY DID IT.  
22 SO WHY COULDN'T WE DISCUSS IT IN OPEN MEETING?

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24 **RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.:** WELL, TO THE EXTENT THAT IT WOULD  
25 INVOLVE A DISCUSSION OF THINGS IN THE PERSONNEL FILE, THE FACT



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1 THAT IT IS OVER DOESN'T REMOVE THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF A  
2 PERSONNEL DISCUSSION.

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DO THINK, THOUGH, I COULD-- I'D LIKE  
5 TO MAKE A FEW STATEMENTS IN TERMS OF THE PHILOSOPHY THAT I USE  
6 TO TRY TO DETERMINE WHAT ACTIONS THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT TAKE.  
7 FIRST OF ALL, I THINK THAT, IF WE HAVE CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT  
8 SOMETHING CRIMINAL HAS GONE ON, THAT WE WILL REFER THAT ON FOR  
9 CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. IF WE HAVE CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT IT'S OUR  
10 DUTY TO REPORT THE INDIVIDUAL TO A LICENSING BOARD, THEN WE  
11 WOULD DO THAT. IN FACT, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THE DEPARTMENT  
12 HAS INDEPENDENTLY WORKED VERY HARD OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF  
13 YEARS TO INSTITUTE A POLICY THAT ASSURES THAT WE WILL REPORT  
14 PHYSICIANS WHO ARE PART OF MALPRACTICE CLAIMS TO THE STATE  
15 LICENSING BOARD, THAT WE HAVE NOW A SEPARATE PROCESS THAT  
16 DETERMINES LIABILITY, PERCENT LIABILITY. I THINK THAT IS PART  
17 OF OUR OBLIGATION TO THE PUBLIC WHEN WE DISCOVER A ERROR IN  
18 JUDGMENT THAT SHOULD BE-- THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE REPORTED IN A  
19 NON-COUNTY SYSTEM, A NON-GOVERNMENT SYSTEM AS PART OF THE  
20 PAYMENT SETTLEMENT TRIGGERS A REPORT BECAUSE THE PAYMENTS MADE  
21 NOT BY THE INDIVIDUAL BUT MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF, THE  
22 COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN THIS CASE, IT HASN'T TRIGGERED THAT  
23 REPORT. BUT WE HAVE, ON OUR OWN, MOVED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT IS  
24 TRIGGER REPORT, THAT WE'RE NOT TREATING OUR PHYSICIANS ANY  
25 DIFFERENTLY THAN THEY'RE TREATED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, NOR



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1 ARE WE LOSING THE OPPORTUNITY TO IDENTIFY THOSE WHO MIGHT  
2 EXERT POOR JUDGMENT, IF THAT'S A HABITUAL PROCESS AND WE NEED  
3 TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC. SO I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PIECE. A  
4 LOT OF THIS COMES DOWN TO WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE EVIDENCE AND  
5 WHETHER WE HAVE A SUSTAINABLE CASE. I SPENT EIGHT HOURS LAST  
6 WEEK GIVING TESTIMONY IN A CASE WHERE WE BELIEVED WE DID HAVE  
7 EVIDENCE. SO WE DO PURSUE REMOVAL AS OPPOSED TO OPTIONAL  
8 RETIREMENT THAT PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO EXERT IF WE BELIEVE  
9 WE HAVE A CASE WE CAN SUSTAIN.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE EVIDENCE IN THIS  
12 CASE, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME?

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I'M TELLING YOU THAT, IN THE CASE WHERE  
15 WE DID NOT HAVE THE EVIDENCE, YOU KNOW, OTHER-- OTHER ACTIONS  
16 ARE, YOU KNOW, THINGS THAT WE WOULD ENTERTAIN.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I THINK THAT THE OTHER ISSUE THAT  
19 HAS TO BE LOOKED UPON AS WELL, AND THAT'S-- I'M REALLY  
20 TROUBLED WITH, IS THAT I DON'T THINK A LOT OF THESE THINGS ARE  
21 GOING TO BE CORRECTED BECAUSE YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THEM OR THE  
22 SYSTEM DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THEM AS A SYSTEM'S PROBLEM. I THINK  
23 THE BIGGEST PROBLEM IS, YES, THERE ISN'T-- THERE ISN'T ANY  
24 EVIDENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS LIST THAT I LOOKED AT ABOUT  
25 SLEEPING ON THE JOB AND FOR IT TO TAKE A YEAR TO INVESTIGATE,



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1 I MEAN, WHAT OTHER EVIDENCE IS THERE? EITHER YOU DID OR YOU  
2 DIDN'T. I WORK WITH MY EYES CLOSED? I MEAN, WHAT IS THIS  
3 NONSENSE THAT GOES ON? AND I THINK THAT YOU DO TREAT OTHER  
4 EMPLOYEES DIFFERENTLY AND THE INCONSISTENCY. I MEAN, HERE YOU  
5 HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS THE MEANS TO HIRE A LAWYER AND INTIMIDATE  
6 THE COUNTY BUT SOME OF THE OTHER EMPLOYEES WHO ARE AT THE  
7 BOTTOM END OF IT PROBABLY ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE THE SAME  
8 OPPORTUNITY. AND I WONDER IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE ACCORDED THE  
9 SAME COURTESY, I WOULD SAY. I HATE TO SEE IT EXTENDED TO  
10 ANYBODY. IF, IN FACT, SOMEBODY IS DEFRAUDING US OF TIME, OF  
11 MEDICAL SERVICES, OF ANY OTHER KIND OF THING, I THINK THAT  
12 THEY SHOULDN'T BE TREATED IN THE MANNER OF LETTING THEM WALK  
13 AWAY WITHOUT ANY DUTY OR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE REST OF US AND  
14 THAT'S MY CONCERN.

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I THINK, FIRST OF ALL, I'M NOT  
17 INTIMIDATED BY WHETHER A PERSON CAN HIRE A LAWYER OR NOT. TO  
18 ME, THAT DOESN'T ENTER INTO MY CONSIDERATION. WHAT ENTERS INTO  
19 MY CONSIDERATION IS IS IT OUR OBLIGATION TO REPORT THIS  
20 INDIVIDUAL? DO WE HAVE A DUTY TO THE PUBLIC?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT REPORTING IS NOT ANYTHING. I MEAN, I'M  
23 STILL CHASING AROUND THE NOSE DOCTOR, OKAY?

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1   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, TO-- RIGHT. TO TAKE APPROPRIATE  
2   ACTION BECAUSE...

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4   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE APPROPRIATE ACTION IS TO HOLD THEM  
5   ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS AND WHEN WE OURSELVES DON'T  
6   CONDUCT TIMELY INVESTIGATIONS, WHEN WE LET THESE KIND OF  
7   THINGS SIT ON SOMEBODY'S DESK FOREVER, I MEAN, THE TIMECARD  
8   FRAUD CASES HAD BEEN CONCLUDED AND HAD SAT ON DR. PEAKS' DESK  
9   FOREVER AND HE TOOK NO ACTION WHATSOEVER. I MEAN, YOU START  
10   LOSING YOUR CASE BEFORE THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION, YOU  
11   CAN'T GO AROUND BLAMING THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WHEN, IN  
12   FACT, YOU DON'T MAKE A CASE. I MEAN, EITHER IT IS OR IT ISN'T  
13   AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF GRAY IN BETWEEN BUT THE  
14   REALITY IS, IN MOST OF THESE CASES, LIKE THE ONE THAT I SAW,  
15   THE INVESTIGATION IS CONCLUDED IN JANUARY AND IT IS SUBMITTED  
16   TO DR. PEAKS IN FEBRUARY AND HE SITS ON IT MARCH, APRIL, MAY,  
17   I HAVE A TENDENCY TO BELIEVE THAT MAYBE IT'S NOT AS URGENT AN  
18   ISSUE AS IT IS AND THAT MAYBE PEOPLE DON'T MIND THAT THERE'S  
19   BEEN FRAUD IN THE PAST.

20

21   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, I CAN'T DEFEND HOW LONG THINGS  
22   TAKE. I DO KNOW THAT THESE PERSONNEL ISSUES...

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, YOU CAN.

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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, BUT I'M NOT TRYING TO DEFEND IT,  
2 I'M JUST...

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU NEED TO TAKE ACTION, I GUESS IS WHAT  
5 I'M SAYING. YOU CAN'T-- THERE'S A LIST OF DISCIPLINES THAT ARE  
6 GOING ON. I'M CHASING AROUND MR. HENRY, AND HE KNOWS IT, BUT  
7 IT IS YOUR DEPARTMENT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RESOURCES.  
8 IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPERVISE DR. PEAKS. I CAN'T FIRE  
9 HIM FOR NOT DOING WHAT HE HAS TO DO AND I DON'T INTEND ON  
10 FIRING HIM, THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT TO DO. I WOULD JUST RATHER  
11 THAT HE ENFORCE OUR POLICIES ACROSS THE BOARD. IT'S A SIMPLE  
12 THING. I MEAN, I REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS DEBILITATING  
13 MOST OF ALL IS THAT WE HAVE HUNDREDS, MAYBE THOUSANDS OF  
14 EMPLOYEES AT M.L.K. THAT, DAY AFTER DAY, DO A TREMENDOUS JOB.  
15 THEY WORK HARD, THEY GET THERE ON TIME, THEY DON'T SLEEP ON  
16 THE JOB, THEY DON'T, YOU KNOW, HAVE TIMECARD FRAUD, THEY  
17 AREN'T STEALING PHARMACEUTICALS, THEY AREN'T TAKING AWAY  
18 COMPUTERS, THEY AREN'T DOING THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT ALL OF  
19 THESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DISCIPLINED HAVE BEEN DOING BUT  
20 THEY WATCH THESE FOLKS. THEY GET TO GO HOME WITH PAY FOR A  
21 YEAR. I MEAN, I WOULD SORT OF RESENT THAT IF I'M A NURSE THAT  
22 HAS TO WORK ALL HOURS OF THE DAY AND THE NURSE THAT SLEPT ON  
23 THE JOB GOT TO GO HOME WITH PAY WHILE WE INVESTIGATE HER.  
24 THAT'S INAPPROPRIATE. SO IF WE WANT TO KEEP THE GOOD EMPLOYEES  
25 AND HAVE THE GOOD EMPLOYEES FEEL VALIDATED, THAT THEIR WORK IS



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1    IMPORTANT, THEN I THINK WE HAVE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR  
2    DISCIPLINE. AND SO I THINK WE SEND THE WRONG MESSAGE EVERY  
3    SINGLE DAY WHEN WE AREN'T DECISIVE, WE DON'T HAVE POLICIES IN  
4    PLACE, WE DON'T CARRY OUT, WE DON'T IMPLEMENT THEM AND WE  
5    DON'T DISCIPLINE THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T IMPLEMENT. WE HAVE  
6    AUTHORITY. I DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY, WHICH WAS JUST POINTED  
7    OUT BY OUR LAWYER. YOU HAVE THE AUTHORITY. ALL RIGHT? SO THE  
8    REALITY IS AND I EXPECT YOU TO CARRY OUT. I GUESS I HAVE THE  
9    AUTHORITY TO DISMISS YOU BUT I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT, EITHER.  
10   I WOULD JUST RATHER THAT YOU WOULD CARRY OUT THE POLICIES AND  
11   THE PROCEDURES AND SO THAT I CAN TURN AROUND TO EVERY PUBLIC  
12   EMPLOYEE AND SAY, THERE'S CONSISTENCY IN OUR PROCESS AND IF  
13   YOU HAVE A CONCERN WITH IT, THERE'S AN APPEAL PROCESS THROUGH  
14   THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO WHINE  
15   WHEN WE DON'T WIN AT THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION. HOPEFULLY,  
16   WE HAVE A BALANCE OF INFORMATION BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, AS  
17   I SEE SOME OF THESE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONS, THE ACTIONS ARE  
18   NOT SUSTAINABLE BECAUSE, YOU'RE RIGHT, WE DON'T HAVE THE  
19   EVIDENCE. BECAUSE WHOEVER DID THE INVESTIGATING DID A SLOPPY  
20   JOB. WHOEVER DID THE PRESENTATION BEFORE THE CIVIL SERVICE IS  
21   GOING TO DO A SLOPPY JOB. THEY HIRE LAWYERS WHO TAKE OUR FOLKS  
22   AND RUN THEM ALL OVER TOWN, SO WE CRY "UNCLE" ON A REGULAR  
23   BASIS. I THINK THAT'S INAPPROPRIATE, AND IT IS. THIS IS YOUR  
24   RESPONSIBILITY, YOUR DUTY, NOT MINE. I WISH IT WERE MINE  
25   BECAUSE I'D TAKE A DIFFERENT ACTION. SO I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO



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1 SEE MORE ACTION ON THAT PART. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE  
2 ANYTHING TO SAY TO THAT, MR. HENRY. HAS YOUR LIST IMPROVED  
3 SINCE LAST WEEK?

4

5 **MICHAEL HENRY:** YES, IT HAS. YES, IT HAS, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE A COPY OF IT?

8

9 **MICHAEL HENRY:** YES, I DO. ACTUALLY, IT WAS A REPORT THAT I  
10 SENT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS YESTERDAY, JUNE 6TH. WE  
11 CURRENTLY, IF YOU COMPARE...

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T HAVE A COPY BUT-- OH, GOOD, I'M  
14 GOING TO GET ONE. ALL RIGHT.

15

16 **MICHAEL HENRY:** IF YOU LOOK AT THE OPEN CASE LOG FROM MAY 13TH,  
17 WHICH WAS THE LAST TIME I DID A STATUS REPORT TO YOU LAST  
18 MONTH, TO JUNE 6TH.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MAYBE IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE IF YOU GAVE  
21 IT TO US A LITTLE EARLIER. THAT WAY, WE'D ALL HAVE A COPY.

22

23 **MICHAEL HENRY:** I SENT IT TO EACH OFFICE YESTERDAY, SUPERVISOR.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW. NONE OF US HAVE ONE BUT GO AHEAD.



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2 **MICHAEL HENRY:** THE CLOSED CASES, WE'VE ACTUALLY HAD A NET  
3 REDUCTION OVER THE 30-DAY PERIOD OF ABOUT 35 CASES. OUR OPEN  
4 CASE LOG NOW IS 157 AS OPPOSED TO WHAT IT WAS BACK ON MAY THE  
5 13TH OF 192. SO WE'VE HAD SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION THERE. THE  
6 NUMBER OF CLOSED CASES HAVE INCREASED TO-- BY 70. WE HAD 320  
7 CLOSED CASES A MONTH AGO. NOW WE'RE UP TO 390. WE'RE MOVING AS  
8 FAST AND QUICKLY AS WE CAN. I DO WANT TO COMMENT, IF I CAN, ON  
9 THE ONE CASE OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS SLEEPING ON THE JOB.  
10 THAT WAS A CASE THAT HAD MULTIPLE ISSUES. SLEEPING WAS ONE.  
11 LICENSURE WAS ANOTHER ISSUE, AND THAT PERSON WAS RELIEVED OF  
12 DUTY AND SENT HOME WITHOUT PAY BACK IN NOVEMBER OF '04 AND IS  
13 CURRENTLY NOT BEING PAID. THE SKELLY IS BEING SCHEDULED FOR  
14 JUNE THE 8TH, WHICH IS TOMORROW-- OR DAY AFTER TOMORROW ON  
15 THAT PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO THEY DON'T GET PAID. WHAT DO THEY GET?  
18 THEY ARE STILL WORKING FOR US.

19

20 **MICHAEL HENRY:** THEY ARE STILL ON OUR PAYROLL BUT THEY DO NOT  
21 GET A CHECK. THEY ARE OFF WITHOUT PAY.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND SO THEY HAVE-- WHY IS IT  
24 TAKING SO LONG TO DO A SKELLY MEETING?

25



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1   **MICHAEL HENRY:** THE SKELLY MEETING REQUIRES BOTH PARTIES TO  
2   AGREE ON THE DATE AND THEY HAVE ATTORNEYS WHO REPRESENT...

3

4   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO IT TOOK YOU THAT MANY MONTHS?

5

6   **MICHAEL HENRY:** NO, SUPERVISOR. BASICALLY, THE SKELLY TAKES FOR  
7   THE ATTORNEYS ON THE OTHER SIDE AND MY STAFF TO GET TOGETHER.

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT TAKES BUT WHY DID IT  
10   TAKE SO LONG? COULDN'T RETURN PHONE CALLS? COULDN'T GET THE  
11   PERSON? COULDN'T FIND WHAT?

12

13   **MICHAEL HENRY:** IN LOOKING AT THE CASE FILES, A LITTLE BIT OF  
14   ALL OF THAT.

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO KIDDING. SO IS THAT WHAT IT ALL IS IS  
17   THAT IT GETS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE STACK AND ONE DAY IT'LL GET  
18   ADDRESSED?

19

20   **MICHAEL HENRY:** NO. IT'S BASICALLY BECAUSE OF OUR DUE PROCESS,  
21   THE OTHER SIDE HAS A CHANCE TO RESPOND BACK AND, AS POINTED  
22   OUT, IT...

23

24   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO IF WE LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF  
25   OPEN CASES, 157.



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2 **MICHAEL HENRY:** MM HM, YES.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AT WHAT POINT IN TIME WOULD WE GET TO SAY  
5 50% OF THEM?

6

7 **MICHAEL HENRY:** CLOSED? 50% OF THEM CLOSED? WE HAVE PROJECTED  
8 THAT WE SHOULD BE DOWN TO ABOUT UNDER A HUNDRED, BETWEEN 80  
9 AND 90, WITHIN 60 DAYS, MAYBE BETTER. THAT'S OUR PROJECTION.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHY-- WHY IS THAT, COMPARED TO BEFORE?

12

13 **MICHAEL HENRY:** EXCUSE ME? WELL, THERE'S A COUPLE OF THINGS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO WORK ON THEM NOW?

16

17 **MICHAEL HENRY:** NO, SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE ADDED MORE STAFF.  
18 YOU'RE RIGHT, WE HAVE ADDED MORE STAFF. WE ARE UP TO, AS I  
19 POINTED OUT, 15 ADDITIONAL STAFF AND WE BELIEVE THAT IS  
20 ENOUGH.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANY WAY THAT-- I KNOW THAT WE'RE  
23 NOT SUPPOSED TO KNOW OR WHATEVER BUT I AM VERY CONCERNED OF  
24 WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO LET SOMEBODY WALK  
25 AWAY, EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE CONCLUSIONS THAT-- AND THERE WERE





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1 FINDINGS THAT THEY VIOLATED OUR POLICIES AND OUR PROCEDURES  
2 AND YOU'RE GOING TO LET THEM WALK AWAY. I MEAN, LIKE THIS  
3 NURSE THAT WAS SLEEPING ON THE JOB. I MEAN, YOU MIGHT  
4 CONCLUDE, AT THE END OF THE DAY, THAT YOU'LL JUST LET HER WALK  
5 AWAY.

6

7 **MICHAEL HENRY:** WE DON'T MAKE THAT CALL. THAT'S WHAT MANAGEMENT  
8 WOULD MAKE.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHO MAKES THE CALL?

11

12 **MICHAEL HENRY:** THAT WOULD BE DR. GARTHWAITE'S MANAGEMENT STAFF  
13 THAT WOULD MAKE THAT CALL BUT THAT PARTICULAR CASE, THAT  
14 PERSON IS NOT GOING TO WALK AWAY.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW, BUT SOME OF THEM ARE WALKING AWAY.  
17 THERE'S TIMECARD FRAUD CASES, AND I KNOW THAT, IN SOME OF  
18 THEM, THERE WAS A TREMENDOUS INTEREST IN GETTING THEM TO TRY  
19 AND RESIGN QUIETLY AND LEAVE, WHICH I DON'T THINK WAS  
20 APPROPRIATE.

21

22 **MICHAEL HENRY:** YEAH, THERE HAS BEEN CASES WHERE EMPLOYEES,  
23 WHEN THEY'RE CONFRONTED WITH THE ISSUE, HAVE CHOSE TO RESIGN  
24 AND...

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, NO, NO, NO. THAT'S DIFFERENT. CHOOSING  
2    TO RESIGN IS A VOLUNTARY ACT. IT'S WHEN WE ARE ARRANGING FOR  
3    THEM TO RESIGN AS COMPARED TO BEING DISMISSED OR FIRED. COULD  
4    WE FIND OUT ABOUT THOSE CASES BEFORE YOU CARRY OUT SUCH AN  
5    ACTION? I MEAN, I KNOW IT'S YOUR AUTHORITY TO DO SO BUT WOULD  
6    YOU AT LEAST LET US KNOW SO AT LEAST I WON'T BE SURPRISED BY  
7    THE "L.A. TIMES" WHEN I READ ABOUT IT?

8

9    **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** ABSOLUTELY. WE-- I THINK IT'S BEEN IN  
10   MY TIME HERE, RARE, IF ANY, THAT WE HAVE TRIED TO COME UP WITH  
11   A SETTLEMENT ARRANGEMENT WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE RESIGNING. WE  
12   HAVE HAD INDIVIDUALS, WHEN CONFRONTED, CHOSE TO RESIGN, AND WE  
13   HAVE PURSUED TERMINATIONS, SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF TERMINATIONS.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I KNOW. BUT, DR. GARTHWAITE, I WILL ASK  
16   YOU TO GO BACK AND READ A MEMO THAT WAS-- I RECEIVED ABOUT,  
17   MAYBE, A MONTH AND A HALF AGO ABOUT SOME OF THE DOCTORS AND  
18   WHY WE WERE JUST WAITING FOR THEM TO-- AND ONE OF THEM, WHEN  
19   TERMINATED, MADE A BIG SCENE, IF YOU REMEMBER. SO I DON'T  
20   THINK WE NEED TO ACCOMMODATE THEM WHEN THEY HAVE VIOLATED OR  
21   DEFRAUDED THE COUNTY.

22

23   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I AGREE WITH YOU.

24



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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING  
2   TO MAKE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT. YOU STILL HAVE A RIGHT TO DO SO.  
3   I CAN'T OVERRIDE IT AND I DON'T INTEND TO BUT I'D LIKE TO  
4   KNOW.

5

6   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OKAY. BE HAPPY TO DO THAT.

7

8   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF THE 70 CLOSED CASES, HOW MANY OF THOSE  
11   RESULTS IN TERMINATION OF COUNTY SERVICES? ON YOUR JUNE 6  
12   REPORT, IT SAYS CLOSED CASES CHANGE, 70.

13

14   **MICHAEL J. HENRY:** I KNOW WHICH ONE HE'S LOOKING AT. I...

15

16   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT SAYS ONE OF THESE CASES INVOLVED THE  
17   INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS ACCUSED OF SLEEPING WHILE ON DUTY.

18

19   **MICHAEL HENRY:** AND YOUR QUESTION IS HOW MANY TERMINATIONS WE  
20   HAD TOTALLY?

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WERE TERMINATED, YES.

23

24   **MICHAEL HENRY:** I CAN TELL YOU HOW MANY TERMINATIONS WE'VE HAD  
25   TOTALLY WITH ALL THE CASES. I CAN'T TELL YOU EXACTLY HOW MANY



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1 OF THE 70. IT WAS 100, I THINK 112 TOTAL TERMINATIONS TO DATE  
2 IN THE REPORT, OF WHICH 23 WERE PHYSICIANS, BUT I CAN'T TELL  
3 YOU EXACTLY HOW MANY OF THE 70.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU HAVE CLOSED CASES, 320 AS OF 5-13-05,  
6 390 AS OF 6-6-05, A CHANGE OF 70.

7

8 **MICHAEL HENRY:** RIGHT. OF THE 390, 112 OF THOSE WERE  
9 DISCHARGES, OF WHICH 23 WERE PHYSICIANS. THAT'S THE BEST...

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 112 WERE DISCHARGED, OF WHICH 23 WERE WHAT?

12

13 **MICHAEL HENRY:** WERE PHYSICIANS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WERE PHYSICIANS. AND THE OTHERS THAT WERE NOT  
16 DISCHARGED, WHAT WAS THEIR STATUS?

17

18 **MICHAEL HENRY:** SUSPENSIONS. SOME OF THE CASES WERE FOUND NOT--  
19 THERE WAS NO FINDING OF FACT AND THOSE CASES WERE BASICALLY  
20 CLOSED WITHOUT ANY FURTHER ACTION. THERE WERE SUSPENSIONS,  
21 REPRIMANDS, THE WHOLE GAMUT OF DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DR. GARTHWAITE, WHAT'S THE STATUS OF THE  
24 INVESTIGATION OF THE NURSE'S TIMECARDS BEING MODIFIED BY THE



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1 KING DREW NURSING OFFICE WITHOUT THE NURSES KNOWING ABOUT IT?

2 WE SENT AN E-MAIL TO YOU AND FRED ON MAY 2ND ABOUT THAT.

3

4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I DON'T KNOW. FRED MAY. FRED'S HERE.

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** THAT INVESTIGATION IS-- IS STILL PROGRESSING. IT

7 SHOULD BE COMPLETED FAIRLY SOON. THE AUDIT STAFF, ALONG WITH

8 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, HAVE BEEN COMPLETING THE COMPLIANCE

9 REVIEW OF THE NAVIGANT CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST 60 DAYS AND IT'S

10 SLOWED UP SOME OF THE INVESTIGATIONS JUST DUE TO WORKLOAD.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT ABOUT THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S

13 INVESTIGATION OF THE MULTIPLE ALLEGATIONS OF PHYSICIANS NOT

14 RESPONDING TO CODE BLUE?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, WE'VE BEEN CONDUCTING CODE BLUE

17 EXERCISES AND PHYSICIANS HAVE BEEN RESPONDING OVER THE LAST

18 MONTH AND THAT'S BEEN PART OF THE NAVIGANT REPORTS. I'M NOT

19 AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC PHYSICIAN INCIDENTS THAT ARE CURRENTLY

20 UNDER INVESTIGATION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS NOT INVESTIGATING

23 MULTIPLE ALLEGATIONS RIGHT NOW? BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN INFORMED

24 THAT THEY ARE.

25



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1   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** OF NOT RESPONSE? IF THEY'RE-- WELL, AS  
2   PART OF THE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY PEOPLE DIDN'T RESPOND, WE  
3   DID LOOK INTO A LOT OF THE DIFFERENT ISSUES. THERE WERE ISSUES  
4   OF BEEPER MALFUNCTIONS AND PARTS OF THE HOSPITALS WHERE  
5   BEEPERS WEREN'T PROPERLY WORKING. NEW BEEPERS WERE PURCHASED.  
6   THERE WERE A VARIETY OF TECHNICAL ISSUES. SO IT WAS VERY HARD  
7   TO FIND OUT THAT-- OR TO DETERMINE WHETHER PEOPLE NOT SHOWING  
8   UP WAS AN ACT OF POOR PERFORMANCE ON THEIR PART OR FAILURE TO  
9   ACTUALLY RECEIVE THE PAGE. SO WHAT WE'VE DONE IS TO CONTINUE  
10   TO RUN MOCK CODES REPEATEDLY TO SEE WHO SHOWED UP AND, UNDER  
11   THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEN PEOPLE DO SHOW UP WHEN THE BEEPERS  
12   WORK.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO CAN YOU GIVE US A STATUS REPORT ON HOW  
15   MANY DO SHOW UP AND HOW MANY DON'T?

16

17   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YEAH, AND THAT'S IN THE NAVIGANT  
18   REPORTS AND WE'LL HIGHLIGHT THAT AND GET IT TO YOU.

19

20   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE STATUS OF YOUR MEETINGS WITH  
21   CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE WEST OR OTHER HOSPITAL SERVICE  
22   ORGANIZATIONS RELATIVE TO THE OUTSOURCING OF OPERATIONS AT  
23   KING DREW AND ITS COMP CENTER AND MEDICAL-- AND CLINICS?

24





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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE CONTRACTING RESOLUTION THE BOARD  
2 PASSED, I MET WITH A POTENTIAL CONTRACTOR ON FRIDAY. THEY'RE  
3 DUE TO SEND ME A PROPOSAL TODAY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE YOU HEARD FROM THE STATE LICENSING ABOUT  
6 THEIR FINDINGS OF THE PATIENT DEATHS THAT OCCURRED IN MARCH  
7 AND THE ADDITIONAL PATIENT DEATH IN JANUARY?

8

9 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I HAVEN'T, NO.

10

11 **FRED LEAF:** YEAH, THE LATEST INDICATION IS THAT WE WILL GET  
12 THAT RESPONSE WITHIN THE NEXT PROBABLY FIVE DAYS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NEXT FIVE-- PERHAPS WE'LL HAVE IT FOR NEXT  
15 WEEK. WHAT PROTOCOLS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S  
16 AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION TO ENSURE IMPLEMENTING  
17 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE FROM THEIR INVESTIGATIONS?

18

19 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** THE-- WELL, THE INVESTIGATIONS THAT WE  
20 DO, FOR INSTANCE, FOR MALPRACTICE, ALL GO TO AUDIT AND  
21 COMPLIANCE, WHO DO A FOLLOW-UP TO ASSURE THAT ALL THE THINGS  
22 THAT WE DO THAT ARE CLINICALLY IMPORTANT AND LEARNED DURING  
23 THOSE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS ARE IMPLEMENTED. IN TERMS OF THE  
24 AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATIONS, THAT WOULD BE SELF-  
25 AUDITING. ARE YOU AWARE...



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**FRED LEAF:** RIGHT. WELL, THE PROTOCOL HAS BEEN, FOR THE PAST  
COUPLE OF YEARS, THAT THE RESPONDING MANAGER MUST PROVIDE THEM  
WITH A STATEMENT AS TO WHAT ACTIONS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED OR  
TAKEN TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM IDENTIFIED BY NONCOMPLIANCE. THEY  
HAVE NOT BEEN, DUE TO THE FACT THAT, AS I SAID, THEY'VE HAD A  
PRETTY SEVERE WORKLOAD OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS DOING A  
FOLLOW-UP ON EVERY ONE OF THOSE RESPONSES. THEY ARE NOW  
STEPPING UP THAT FOLLOW-UP TO INCLUDE A SAMPLING OF RESPONSES  
FROM MANAGERS ONCE WE RECEIVE THEM BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT  
WE'VE SEEN A NUMBER, AS YOU KNOW, THAT WERE NOT IMPLEMENTED AS  
INDICATED BY THE MANAGER.

13

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. BECAUSE, BACK IN '98, THERE WERE THE  
PROBLEMS OF DR. WARD REFERRING PATIENTS TO A DIALYSIS CENTER.

16

**FRED LEAF:** RIGHT.

18

**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO ALL OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE NOW BEEN  
IMPLEMENTED?

21

**FRED LEAF:** NO. THAT, AS YOU MAY KNOW, THAT CASE IS CURRENTLY  
BEING REVIEWED. IT INVOLVES SOME COMPLICATED REVIEWS BETWEEN  
TWO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, SO IT'S TAKING A LITTLE TIME BUT,  
NO, THAT HAS-- THAT WAS NOT DONE, THOSE WERE NOT IMPLEMENTED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM IN-- SEVEN YEARS  
3 AGO, WHY IS THE DEPARTMENT NOW REVIEWING-- WHY WASN'T THAT  
4 DONE IN '98 OR '99 OR 2000?

5

6 **FRED LEAF:** IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN.

7

8 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I WOULD SAY, IN MANY OR MOST CASES,  
9 WHERE MANAGERS HAVE SAID THEY'VE IMPLEMENTED, THEY HAVE  
10 IMPLEMENTED. I THINK THAT, CLEARLY, THE FINDINGS AT KING DREW  
11 OVER THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF TO TWO YEARS HAVE SHOWN US THAT,  
12 FOR TOO MANY MANAGERS THERE, WE CAN RELY ON THOSE ATTESTATIONS  
13 THAT THEY MADE THAT THEY FIXED THINGS AND THAT IS WHY WE  
14 ESSENTIALLY WIPED OUT THE MANAGEMENT AT KING DREW AND REPLACED  
15 IT WITH NAVIGANT EMPLOYEES AND ARE WORKING TO FIND PERMANENT  
16 REPLACEMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THREE WEEKS AGO, DR. WARD, DR. ROSARIO AND  
19 DR. LEMAY WERE SUSPENDED WITHOUT PAY BECAUSE OF TIMECARD FRAUD  
20 ALLEGATIONS. WHEN WILL WE RECEIVE THE INVESTIGATION REPORTS ON  
21 THOSE THREE?

22

23 **FRED LEAF:** DR. WARD, AS I INDICATED, IS STILL UNDER REVIEW AND  
24 THAT WILL PROBABLY BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. I  
25 BELIEVE, AND I'D HAVE TO DEFER TO MIKE, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF



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1 YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION RIGHT HERE, MIKE, BUT I THINK, ON A  
2 COUPLE OF THOSE CASES, THE ALLEGATIONS WERE DETERMINED TO NOT  
3 BE FOUNDED. WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A  
4 REPORT ON THAT. WE'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH FEEDBACK ON THAT.

5

6 **MICHAEL HENRY:** WE'LL GIVE YOU INFORMATION ON THE OTHER TWO  
7 CASES. I DON'T WANT TO...

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE ALL OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR'S  
10 RECOMMENDATIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE TIMECARD FRAUD CASES THAT  
11 WERE SUBSTANTIATED IN INTERNAL MEDICINE DEPARTMENT, HAVE THEY  
12 BEEN SUBSTANTIATED AND HAVE THEY BEEN IMPLEMENTED?

13

14 **FRED LEAF:** WE'LL-- YEAH, WE'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH A SUMMARY OF  
15 THE STATUS OF THOSE IMPLEMENTATIONS.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT WAS THE STATE MEDI-CAL PAYMENT REPORTS,  
18 DR. OBO...

19

20 **FRED LEAF:** ACTION IS-- THOSE CASES ARE BEING REVIEWED BY LAW  
21 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES RIGHT NOW. THEY'VE BEEN REFERRED  
22 PROPERLY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN ALSO BY THE CIVIL SIDE?

25



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1   **FRED LEAF:** RIGHT.

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3   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU EXPLAIN THE PROTOCOLS THAT HAVE  
4   BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE PAIN OF PATIENTS ARE NOW BEING  
5   ASSESSED? BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, THE ISSUE THAT PATIENTS WERE  
6   TAKING 20 HOURS TO SEE A PHYSICIAN.

7

8   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT, IN  
9   ADDITION TO TRAINING ON PAIN, THAT RANDOM AUDITS OF CHARTS FOR  
10   DOCUMENTATION OF PAIN AND RANDOM QUESTIONING OF STAFF WITH  
11   REGARDS TO THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PAIN ASSESSMENT AND  
12   TREATMENT PROTOCOLS IS ONGOING.

13

14   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MICHAEL HENRY, WHAT IS THE-- WHAT IS YOUR  
15   TIMEFRAME NOW WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES IN FINDING THE-- THOSE  
16   POSITIONS THAT ARE TO BE FILLED, THOSE APPLICANTS WILL NOW BE  
17   ELIGIBLE TO ASSUME THOSE POSITIONS?

18

19   **MICHAEL HENRY:** YES. WE HAVE 40 DIFFERENT EXAMS GOING ON FOR  
20   KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER CURRENTLY. THE TOP POSITIONS, THE  
21   C.E.O. POSITION, WE HAVE PRELIMINARY VIEW OF THE RESUMES. LAST  
22   FRIDAY, WE HAVE INTERVIEWS SCHEDULED THIS FRIDAY WITH FOUR  
23   CANDIDATES AND SO THOSE THINGS ARE MOVING FORWARD, NOT ONLY  
24   FOR THOSE POSITIONS BUT ALSO SOME OF THE NURSING POSITIONS AS  
25   WELL.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW, YOU REVIEW THOSE FOUR CANDIDATES THAT  
3 PROCESS AND THEN YOU MAKE A RECOMMENDATION OF ONE?

4

5 **MICHAEL HENRY:** NO. WE'LL MAKE A RECOMMENDATION OF THE MOST  
6 QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE NEXT STEP, WHICH WOULD BE AN  
7 INTERVIEW WITH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND DR. GARTHWAITE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHAT IS YOUR TIMEFRAME REFERENCE THAT THIS  
10 PERSON WOULD BE SELECTED?

11

12 **MICHAEL HENRY:** IT DEPENDS ON WHETHER THOSE QUALIFIED  
13 CANDIDATES MAKE IT THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCESS BUT, AT THE  
14 POINT THAT THEY GET TO DR. GARTHWAITE'S LEVEL, THEN HE, AS THE  
15 APPOINTING AUTHORITY, CAN MAKE THE APPOINTMENT SHORTLY  
16 THEREAFTER IF HE'S SATISFIED WITH THE CANDIDATES.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW LONG HAS THE PROCESS BEEN IN  
19 PROGRESS?

20

21 **MICHAEL HENRY:** BOY. ABOUT FOUR MONTHS, APPROXIMATELY, I  
22 BELIEVE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW CAN WE EXPEDITE IT?

25





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1   **MICHAEL HENRY:** WELL, WE'RE AT THE END OF IT NOW. I MEAN, WE'VE  
2   GOT-- WE HIRED SEARCH FIRMS FOR THE HARD-TO-RECRUIT POSITIONS.  
3   AS I POINTED OUT, AND I THINK IT'S DETAILED IN MY REPORT, WE  
4   HAVE RECEIVED RESUMES FOR QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS AND SO THEY'RE  
5   MOVING QUICKLY THROUGH THE PROCESS. A LOT OF THE TIME THAT  
6   TAKES IN THE EXAM IS THE OUTREACH. IT'S GETTING OUT AND  
7   GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT AND GETTING PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR THE  
8   JOB. THAT'S WHAT TAKES AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EVEN MORE  
9   SO IN THIS PARTICULAR SITUATION, GIVEN THE PROBLEMS THAT WE  
10  HAVE AT THE HOSPITAL.

11

12  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED THE BOARD ON  
13  JUNE 3RD RELATIVE TO THE-- DR. GARTHWAITE, THE BOARD PASS  
14  RATES, I'D LIKE TO MOVE THE FOLLOWING MOTION, THAT THE BOARD  
15  DIRECT THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES TO WORK IN  
16  COLLABORATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL TO AMEND MEDICAL SCHOOL  
17  AGREEMENTS WHERE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE BOARD OBTAIN  
18  CATEGORICAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS WHO  
19  PASS OR FAIL THEIR BOARD CERTIFIED EXAMS ON THE FIRST TRY.  
20  THIS INCLUDES ANY OTHER PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORTS AS  
21  REQUESTED BY THE BOARD ON GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
22  AND THAT THE BOARD REQUEST QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
23  REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES RELATED TO THE  
24  RESIDENTS ENROLLED IN THE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS



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1 AND ATTENDING PHYSICIANS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO SUPERVISE THOSE  
2 RESIDENTS. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE INFORMATION THAT WE HAVE, THE DIRECTOR  
7 POINTS OUT THAT THE MULTIPLE TRAINING PROGRAMS, THEY DON'T  
8 HAVE THAT INFORMATION TO GIVE TO THIS BOARD IN HIS JUNE 3RD  
9 REPORT TO US. SO WE'RE JUST ASKING THAT WE HAVE THAT  
10 INFORMATION BECAUSE THEY'RE SAYING THAT THEY CAN'T OBTAIN THAT  
11 INFORMATION.

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13 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I THINK IT BASICALLY MEANS, IN L.A.  
14 COUNTY U.S.C. THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF THE PROGRAM  
15 DIRECTORS ARE NOT COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND THAT WE HAVE RELATIVELY  
16 LITTLE OR NO LEVERAGE TO GET THIS PRECISE INFORMATION.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THIS SOMETHING WE COULD DO  
19 TODAY OR PUT IT ON THE AGENDA, MR. FORTNER?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU COULD PROBABLY-- YOU COULD DO IT TODAY OR  
22 PUT IT ON FOR REPORT.

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24 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IT WILL COME UP WHEN WE BRING THE L.A.  
25 COUNTY U.S.C. AGREEMENT TO THE BOARD FAIRLY SOON.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ANYTHING ELSE? IF NOT...

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4 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** IF I COULD GET THE FEEDBACK TO THE  
5 BOARD OF MY DESCRIPTION OF MY MOVEMENT TO MORE BALANCE BETWEEN  
6 MY ROLE AT KING DREW AND MY ROLE IN THE DEPARTMENT. IF THERE'S  
7 NO OBJECTIONS, I'LL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT I HAD OUTLINED.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT WOULD BE FINE. IT WOULD BE  
10 EASIER IF THERE WERE MORE ACTION ITEMS ON OUR REPORTS THAT WE  
11 UNDERSTOOD INSTEAD OF "MET WITH, PARTICIPATED WITH," MORE LIKE  
12 "INSTITUTED" OR...

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14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** CORRECT. I THINK SOME OF THESE-- SOME  
15 OF THE MAIN THINGS THAT I'M TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH WILL RESULT  
16 IN SOME SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO A MONTH  
17 IN CERTAIN KEY LEADERSHIP ROLES AND OTHER THINGS THAT...

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WHICH WE APPRECIATE. I KNOW THAT YOU'RE  
20 STARTING A LOT OF IT BUT, YOU KNOW, WE ARE GOING TO DRAFT,  
21 IT'S ALWAYS IN THE PROCESS AND I NEVER SEEN ANYTHING ACTUALLY  
22 IMPLEMENTED. IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SEE SOME OF THOSE THINGS.

23



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1   **SUP. KNABE:** THE ONLY CONCERN I WOULD HAVE WOULD BE THE FACT  
2   THAT I THOUGHT YOU INDICATED YOU'RE GOING TO BE PARTICIPATING  
3   IN THE NAVIGANT DEPARTMENT.

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5   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, ALL THOSE, RIGHT.

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7   **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WHAT ABOUT THE HANDS-ON SO THAT YOU'RE NOT  
8   SHIELDED FROM INFORMATION LIKE WE HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST?

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10   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** I WOULD SPEND-- NO, MY PLAN WOULD BE TO  
11   SPEND THURSDAYS THERE, BECAUSE THERE'S A REGULAR MEETING AND I  
12   WOULD MAKE ROUNDS AND SET UP A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH OTHER  
13   STAFF DURING-- SO I WILL BE THERE AT LEAST THAT TIME. I MEAN,  
14   I WAS THERE THIS MORNING. I'VE BEEN THERE-- I'M THERE A LOT,  
15   MORE THAN ANYWHERE ELSE, SO...

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17   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT.

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19   **SUP. BURKE:** AFTER MR. KNABE, I HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

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21   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE, MS. BURKE. I THINK HE'S COMPLETED  
22   HIS...

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24   **SUP. BURKE:** OH, HAVE YOU FINISHED? YOU KNOW, THERE CONTINUES  
25   TO BE THIS ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE COMPETITIVE WAGES AS FAR AS



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1 PHYSICIANS AND THAT'S COUNTYWIDE, REALLY. I GUESS IT DOESN'T  
2 APPLY SO MUCH TO COUNTY U.S.C. BECAUSE THE PHYSICIANS THERE  
3 WORK FOR U.S.C. BUT ARE YOU WORKING WITH THE C.A.O. TO RESOLVE  
4 THE DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF THE COMPETITIVE AMOUNT-- AMOUNT OF  
5 WAGES THAT ARE BEING PAID TO PHYSICIANS? AND TO OTHER  
6 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AS WELL, ACTUALLY. I KNOW WE SPENT A  
7 LOT OF TIME ON THE NURSES AND WE'VE MADE SOME ATTEMPT TO TRY  
8 TO RESOLVE THOSE ISSUES BUT I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S  
9 HAPPENING IN TERMS OF THE PHYSICIANS, WHERE WE SEE THAT  
10 KAISER, FOR INSTANCE IS OFFERING SO MUCH MORE.

11

12 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** YES, WE ARE WORKING THROUGH VARIOUS  
13 MECHANISMS TO ASSURE THAT WE'RE COMPETITIVE IN EMERGENCY ROOM  
14 AND RADIOLOGY AND I THINK WE'RE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS THERE, SO  
15 I DON'T SEE THAT AS AN ISSUE. I THINK WE'RE WITHIN WHAT--  
16 WITHIN OUR CAPABILITY, I THINK WE'RE ABLE TO MEET-- TO ADDRESS  
17 THOSE NEEDS AT THE PRESENT TIME. WITH REGARDS TO THE OVERALL  
18 SALARIES FOR ACADEMIC PHYSICIANS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WAS  
19 MEETING WITH DREW OFFICIALS THIS MORNING ON WAS PRECISELY  
20 GETTING TO THAT-- TO RESOLUTION OF THAT, SO I THINK WE HAVE A  
21 PLANNED MEETING NEXT WEEK AND PROBABLY THE SUBSEQUENT WEEK, SO  
22 WE ARE WORKING HARD THROUGH THAT AND I THINK ALSO NAVIGANT HAS  
23 ALMOST FINISHED THEIR SORT OF-- THEIR PHYSICIAN WORKLOAD  
24 ASSESSMENT AS WELL. SO WE SHOULD HAVE ANSWERS FOR YOU IN THE  
25 VERY NEAR FUTURE ON THOSE PARTICULAR PIECES. THE STEERING



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1 COMMITTEE, THE AD HOC STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE HOSPITAL  
2 ADVISORY BOARD HAS DONE A COUPLE SURVEYS IN BOTH NURSING AND  
3 PHARMACY. ALTHOUGH OUR INITIAL SALARIES ARE PRETTY GOOD, THEY  
4 SHOW THAT OUR AVERAGE SALARIES COMPARED TO HOSPITALS IN THE  
5 AREA ARE NOT KEEPING UP, SO THAT THE ABILITY TO MOVE THROUGH  
6 DIFFERENT PHASES OF-- OR GET PROMOTED IN THE COUNTY SEEMS TO  
7 BE LESS THAN IN OUR COMPETITORS. AS YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER  
8 THAT-- A FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ALL CLASSIFICATIONS WITHIN  
9 NURSING WAS A PLAN FOLLOWING SETTLEMENT OF THE CONTRACT WITH  
10 THE NURSES, AT LEAST DURING DISCUSSIONS LAST YEAR. I THINK  
11 THAT NEEDS TO BE PURSUED BECAUSE THE DATA'S PRETTY CLEAR. WE  
12 ARE PUTTING TOGETHER A REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AND  
13 THAT WILL COME FORWARD THROUGH THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY BOARD TO  
14 YOU.

15

16 **FRED LEAF:** AND I MIGHT ADD ON THAT LAST POINT THAT WE ARE  
17 MEETING WITH THE UNION TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THAT-- UNION AND  
18 C.O. STAFF TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS THAT  
19 WERE PLANNED AS PART OF THE M.O.U. SUBSEQUENT TO THE...

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YOU KNOW, IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME, AS HE WAS  
22 MAKING THAT STATEMENT, THAT WE CAN'T COMPETE WITH KAISER. I  
23 MEAN, KAISER HAS A REVENUE STREAM. WE DON'T. SO WHEN WE LOOK  
24 AT SALARIES AND TRY TO COMPARE THEM TO OUR COMPETITORS, WE  
25 DON'T HAVE ANY COMPETITORS. WE HAVE PRIVATE SECTOR HOSPITALS





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1 WHO AREN'T PROVIDING 85% DISPROPORTIONATE CARE. THEY HAVE  
2 REVENUES. WE DON'T. SO WE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE BEHIND THE  
3 CURVE WITH RESPECT TO SALARIES AT SOME LEVEL. NOW, WE CAN'T BE  
4 SO FAR BEHIND THAT WE CAN'T ACTUALLY OBTAIN DOCTORS BUT THAT  
5 THOUGHT JUST OCCURRED TO ME, THAT THEY ALL HAVE REVENUE. THESE  
6 GUYS DON'T. THEY'RE FACING A VERY LARGE DEFICIT. SO THAT PLAYS  
7 INTO THE EQUATION.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** DOES THAT MEAN THAT WE JUST-- WE MAY NOT BE ABLE  
10 TO RECRUIT THE DOCTORS?

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THERE MAY BE A POINT IN TIME WHERE YOU CAN'T  
13 AFFORD TO OPERATE THE SYSTEM BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE  
14 REVENUE TO BE COMPETITIVE. THAT IS A POSSIBILITY.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT HAPPENS AT U.S.C.? ARE THOSE-- THOSE  
17 SALARIES, DO WE LOOK AT THOSE SALARIES AND COMPARE THEM AND--  
18 OR DO WE GET THEM-- ARE THEY-- ARE THOSE MADE AVAILABLE TO US?

19

20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** NO, THEY'RE NOT MADE AVAILABLE. WE HOPE  
21 TO, IN THE NEW CONTRACT, HAVE A BETTER SENSE OF THE WORK. WE  
22 HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY DIFFERENT CONTRACT THAT WE'LL BE BRINGING  
23 FORWARD TO YOUR BOARD SHORTLY BUT, IN THE PAST, WE'VE NOT BEEN  
24 ABLE TO GET THE SALARIES PAID TO THE PHYSICIANS, PER SE,



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1 BECAUSE IT'S A COMBINATION OF COUNTY WORK AND UNIVERSITY AND  
2 PRIVATE SECTOR WORK.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THEIR SALARIES GO THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY,  
5 RIGHT?

6

7 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT. THE UNIVERSITY DEAN-- THE CHAIRS  
8 AND THE DEAN WOULD SET THEIR SALARIES.

9

10 **FRED LEAF:** BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE WHAT DR. GARTHWAITE  
11 SAID, THAT THEIR SALARIES ARE NOT JUST SALARIES PAID BY THE  
12 UNIVERSITY BUT A PRIVATE WORK AS WELL AS THE PRACTICE PLAN  
13 INCOME AND SO ON.

14

15 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE THAT BETTER AT  
16 KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER BY INSTITUTING A PRACTICE PLAN AND  
17 GETTING FULL CAPTURE OF ALL THE PROFESSIONAL WORK OF THE FULL-  
18 TIME FACULTY SO THAT THAT SHOULD BE REGULATED BY THE SCHOOL  
19 AND CAREFULLY MONITORED, AND THEY SHOULD SHARE-- AND WE SHOULD  
20 KNOW HOW MUCH SPECIFIC WORK IS DONE AT THE COUNTY HOSPITAL.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE. WHAT HAS BEEN DONE TO RESOLVE THE PHYSICIAN  
23 SHORTAGE IN RADIOLOGY AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS?

24



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1 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WELL, A VARIETY OF THINGS, INCLUDING  
2 USING CONTRACTS, MEETING WITH, SPECIFICALLY WITH THE  
3 PHYSICIANS IN THE EMERGENCY AREA, HAVING MEETINGS WITH THOSE.  
4 WE ALSO HAVE CONTRACTS NOW IN RADIOLOGY AND WE'RE LOOKING AT  
5 SOME OTHER MECHANISMS THAT WE POTENTIALLY CAN GET SOME  
6 RADIOLOGISTS FROM OTHER FACILITIES TO TAKE CALL THERE. SO  
7 THERE'S A SERIES OF THINGS WE'RE EXPLORING BUT I THINK THE BIG  
8 THING HAS BEEN THAT WE WERE ABLE TO SIGN A CONTRACT IN  
9 RADIOLOGY.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE:** IT'S NOT GOING TO BE LIKE THE RELIABLE ONE,  
12 THOUGH, RIGHT?

13

14 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** BETTER. THERE'S A SMALL BASELINE AMOUNT  
15 FOR TAKING CALL AND BEING AVAILABLE AND THEN IT'S PAID BASED  
16 ON X-RAY READ SO...

17

18 **FRED LEAF:** NOT JUST AN HOURLY RATE.

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20 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** RIGHT, NOT AN HOURLY RATE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** SO IT WON'T BE JUST AN HOURLY RATE, IT WILL BE--  
23 WHAT ABOUT EMERGENCY? WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE? WE LOST A NUMBER  
24 OF PHYSICIANS?

25



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1   **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** WE'VE LOST SOME BUT WE'RE ALSO TRYING  
2   TO RETAIN AS MANY AS WE CAN WHO ARE IN THE DECISION-MAKING  
3   PROCESS AND THEN WE'RE ACTIVELY RECRUITING.

4  
5   **SUP. BURKE:** I SEE. ALL RIGHT.

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7   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ANYTHING ELSE? ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU SO  
8   MUCH. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. IF I COULD HAVE  
9   GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL JOIN US. DR. CLAVREUL, IF YOU'D ADDRESS S-  
10   2, S-3, 25 AND 61, WE'D APPRECIATE IT.

11  
12   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
13   THIS IS DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. APPARENTLY, YOU DON'T CARE  
14   ABOUT WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY. AND FOR YOU, MS. MOLINA, TO  
15   BUNDLE ALL THOSE ITEMS TOGETHER IS QUITE UNFAIR BUT FAIRNESS  
16   IS NOT YOUR STRONG SUBJECT. WE KNOW THAT. HOPE NOT FOR LONG.  
17   ANYWAY, TO-- IF YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO CALL A REPORT WHAT DR.  
18   GARTHWAITE PRESENTED, IS APPALLING BUT THAT'S WHAT HE DOES ALL  
19   THE TIME. AND WHERE IS NAVIGANT? THIS IS TO BE A JOINT REPORT  
20   FROM D.H.S. AND NAVIGANT. NAVIGANT IS NOT HERE. THERE ONLY A  
21   FEW LINES FROM THEM IN THIS REPORT. I DON'T THINK WE ARE  
22   GETTING OUR 14.8 MILLION WORTH. IT'S NOT THAT I THINK, I'M  
23   SURE WE'RE NOT GETTING OUR MONEY'S WORTH. BUT, YOU KNOW, IT'S  
24   THE SAME THING GOING ON EVERY WEEK. YOU BRING IN FEW ISSUES,  
25   YOU NEVER DEAL WITH THEM AND I THINK IT'S TIME WE MAKE SOME



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1 CHANGE. I THINK IT'S TIME TO REDISTRIBUTE THE COUNTY OF LOS  
2 ANGELES. I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE YOU ALL OF YOU RE-RUN FOR  
3 YOUR POSITIONS BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT DOING THE JOB AND I THINK WE  
4 NEED MORE THAN FIVE OF YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE NOT DOING YOUR JOB.  
5 AND, SINCE I HAVE ONLY THREE MINUTES FOR FIVE SUBJECTS WHICH,  
6 BY THE WAY, IS A VIOLATION OF THE BROWN ACT BUT YOU DON'T  
7 CARE, BUT THE PEOPLE AT LARGE DO CARE, THE ISSUE OF THE--  
8 FIRST OF ALL, THE BUDGET FROM D.H.S. IS PUSHED ANOTHER, YOU  
9 KNOW, MANY WEEKS. DR. GARTHWAITE NEVER PERFORMS ANY OF HIS  
10 DUTIES BUT HE'S STILL ON THE JOB. HE'S A PERSON WHO SHOULD  
11 HAVE BEEN FIRED A LONG TIME AGO AND WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GET  
12 THE NERVE AND THE INTEGRITY TO FIRE HIM? HOW MANY MORE PEOPLE  
13 ARE YOU GOING TO DESTROY IN THE PROCESS? BUT, ANYWAY, THE SAME  
14 WITH THE H.I.V. COMMISSION. YOU HAVE AN ITEM 25 AND 61, WHICH  
15 IS, AGAIN, ANOTHER JOKE. YOU HAVE THE SAME INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS  
16 BEEN PART OF THE H.I.V. COMMISSION FOR YEARS. I'M SURE THAT  
17 THE COMMISSION, THAT ANYBODY FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ATTEND  
18 AND LISTEN, THEY WILL FIND OUT THAT THEY ARE TOTAL RICO GOING  
19 ON EVERY TIME. THERE IS BRIBES, THERE IS NEGOTIATION, THERE IS  
20 COLLUSION ALL THE TIME AND YOU-- THEY ARE COMING TO DO IT TO  
21 YOU WITH A SLATE OF INDIVIDUALS TO BE NOMINATED, TO BE  
22 APPROVED. SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN THERE FOR MANY  
23 YEARS, SOME AS LONG AS 10 YEARS, AND THEY ARE PART OF THE  
24 PROBLEM. THEY'RE SURELY NOT PART OF THE SOLUTION. I THINK, AS  
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PUBLIC, YOU ARE DOING A LOUSY JOB.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. WE HAVE BEFORE US  
3 THOSE ITEMS, THE S-1-- S-3, I THINK, WAS CONTINUED BUT ITEM 25  
4 AND 61 ARE BEFORE US. ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED...

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MR. BAXTER INDICATED...

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8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T HAVE MR. BAXTER ON THOSE ITEMS. I  
9 DON'T HAVE YOU ON THAT, SIR. I DON'T HAVE A CARD. OH, I AM SO  
10 SORRY. I APOLOGIZE. MR. BAXTER, PLEASE JOIN US.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I GUESS ONE GOOD QUESTION, WHERE WAS NAVIGANT? WHY  
13 WEREN'T THEY HERE TODAY? DR. GARTHWAITE, WHY WASN'T NAVIGANT  
14 HERE TODAY?

15

16 **DR. THOMAS GARTHWAITE:** (OFF-MIKE).

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** NOT A GOOD ANSWER.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MAYBE WE CAN FIND OUT. MR. BAXTER, WHY  
21 DON'T YOU PROCEED AND THEN...

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23 **PETER BAXTER:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF YOUR HONORABLE BOARD,  
24 MR. JANSSEN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MY NAME IS PETER BAXTER AND  
25 I LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THAT THIS





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1 AGENDA ITEM PROVIDERS FOR A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF REFORM AT  
2 KING DREW MEDICAL CENTER. THERE IS A COMPARISON TO BE DRAWN  
3 BETWEEN THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC DISCUSSION OVER THE KING DREW  
4 MEDICAL CENTER AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS  
5 ANGELES. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE TWO PUBLIC RESOURCES, IN  
6 TERMS OF PUBLIC SCRUTINY, IS LITTLE SHORT OF AMAZING. THE KING  
7 DREW DISCUSSION HAS ATTRACTED AND THAT DISCUSSION CONTINUES TO  
8 ATTRACT THE MOST CAREFUL STUDY BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
9 THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, NAVIGANT AND THE NEWS MEDIA,  
10 PARTICULARLY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES. IN COMPARISON, THERE  
11 APPEARS TO BE NO ONGOING STUDY OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE FIRE  
12 DEPARTMENT, EVEN THOUGH THE DISASTER OF 9/11 WAS, AS IT  
13 REMAINS, A PUBLIC SPECTACLE OF A VOCATION, THAT OF  
14 FIREFIGHTING, BEING REVEALED AS A VOCATION IN SHAMBLES.  
15 ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ABOUT THE RESPONSE OF FIREFIGHTING AS A  
16 VOCATION MAY BE RECITED IN FAVOR OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW  
17 YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT ON 9/11. THE WHOLE UNDERTAKING, THAT IS,  
18 THE RESPONSE OF THE NEW YORK FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THAT EVENT,  
19 WAS A TOTAL, UTTER FAILURE. HERE IN LOS ANGELES, WE FACE  
20 ANOTHER FIRE SEASON, WHEN WE MAY EXPECT TO SUFFER THE LOSS OF  
21 LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE ON A SCALE UNKNOWN IN ANY OTHER  
22 PART OF THE WORLD. AND ON YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER, THERE WAS THE  
23 REPORT OF A FIRE IN AN APARTMENT HOUSE WHICH TOOK PLACE ABOUT  
24 FOUR OR FIVE BLOCKS AWAY FROM WHERE I HAPPEN TO BE LIVING IN  
25 ANOTHER APARTMENT HOUSE AND IT WAS CLEAR, FROM THE PHOTOGRAPH,



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1 THAT THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN  
2 ACTUALLY PUT THE FIRE OUT FAST BECAUSE THEY WERE USING WATER  
3 AND THE PHOTOGRAPH HAS A PHOTOGRAPH OF A FIREFIGHTER WITH A  
4 HOSE SPRAYING INDISCRIMINATELY JUST ALL OVER THE TOP WITH NO  
5 EFFORT BEING MADE TO PREVENT OXYGEN FROM GETTING INTO THE FIRE  
6 DEPARTMENT AND THEY SIMPLY DO NOT DISCUSS THIS. THE LEAST THAT  
7 WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS A DISCUSSION OF  
8 THEIR OPERATIONS. IT'S NOT HEART SURGERY. YOU DON'T QUESTION  
9 THE KING DREW PEOPLE ABOUT HEART SURGERY BUT YOU CERTAINLY  
10 DON'T QUESTION THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS TO HOW THEY PUT FIRES  
11 OUT, ALL OF WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AND I THANK YOU,  
12 MADAM CHAIR.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. ALL RIGHT. THAT  
15 ITEM WAS JUST TO RECEIVE AND FILE. BUT WE DO HAVE BEFORE US 25  
16 AND 61. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 ANTONOVICH. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THOSE  
18 ITEMS. SUPERVISOR KNABE, WE'RE STILL ON YOUR SPECIALS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** CALL UP ITEM 15.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM NUMBER 15.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** SUPERVISOR BURKE HELD THAT.

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1   **SUP. BURKE:** YES. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT WE'LL PASS OUT. BUT  
2   FIRST, I'D LIKE TO HEAR-- ASK THE C.A.O. JUST A COUPLE OF  
3   QUESTIONS. WE'VE HAD GREAT WEST FOR A PERIOD OF NOW-- HOW MANY  
4   YEARS?

5

6   **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, I'M GOING TO ASK  
7   SHARON HARPER TO RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION SPECIFICALLY. SHE'S  
8   MUCH MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE THAN I AM ABOUT THIS.

9

10   **SHARON HARPER:** EIGHT YEARS, SUPERVISOR.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE:** EIGHT YEARS. AND SO THIS WOULD MEAN, WITH THIS,  
13   WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED THREE YEARS PLUS, AN OPTION FOR TWO  
14   MORE, THAT THERE WOULD BE A 13-YEAR PERIOD THAT WE WOULD HAVE  
15   THEM. MY CONCERN IS NOT A MATTER OF THE QUALITY OF WORK,  
16   BECAUSE I GUESS EVERYTHING HAS BEEN VERY FAVORABLE IN TERMS OF  
17   THE KIND OF PERFORMANCE THAT THEY HAVE HAD. WE'VE HAD A FEW  
18   PEOPLE WHO HAVE RAISED SOME QUESTIONS BUT PARTICULARLY, ONE  
19   ISSUE THAT WAS RAISED BY THE ASSOCIATION THAT WAS THE ACTUAL  
20   FEES. HAVE YOU LOOKED AT THE FEES THAT THEY CHARGE AS COMPARED  
21   TO OTHER-- WHAT THEY CHARGE OTHER ENTITIES AND OTHER AGENCIES  
22   AND WHAT OTHERS ARE CHARGING FOR THE SIMILAR SERVICES?

23

24   **SHARON HARPER:** YES, WE HAVE, SUPERVISOR.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU HAVE A CHART THAT YOU CAN SHARE WITH US ON  
2   THAT?

3

4   **SHARON HARPER:** YES, WE DO. I'D HAVE TO MAKE SOME COPIES FOR  
5   YOU BUT BASICALLY WHAT IT SHOWS OVERALL IS THAT OUR FEES ARE  
6   ON THE LOW SIDE BECAUSE WE PAY FOR EXACTLY THE SERVICES THAT  
7   WE REQUESTED. IT'S NOT-- IT'S WHAT THEY CALL AN UNBUNDLED FEE  
8   IN WHICH THERE'S NO HIDDEN CHARGES AND ALL THE FEES ARE  
9   ASSOCIATED WITH THE SERVICES THAT WE'RE RECEIVING, AND WE'VE  
10   RECENTLY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND  
11   THEIR PLAN AND, ACTUALLY, THEIR COSTS ARE GOING UP.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE:** THE REASON I ASK THAT IS THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAS  
14   RAISED THE QUESTION AND HAS MADE THE-- YOU KNOW, THE STATEMENT  
15   THAT THERE ARE DIFFERENT FEES CHARGED BY GREAT WEST FOR-- TO  
16   OTHER AGENCIES THAT MAY BE LOWER. AND WHAT I'M-- I PASSED THIS  
17   AMENDMENT OUT, IS SIMPLY THAT WE WOULD RENEW THE CONTRACT FOR  
18   THREE YEARS BUT, A YEAR BEFORE THE END OF THAT CONTRACT, WE  
19   WOULD HAVE-- BEGIN PREPARATION FOR AN R.F.P. BEFORE WE GO TO  
20   THAT SECOND OPTION OF THOSE ADDITIONAL YEARS.

21

22   **SHARON HARPER:** YES, WE CAN DO THAT.

23

24   **SUP. BURKE:** AND I UNDERSTAND IT TAKES A YEAR TO DO IT?

25



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1   **SHARON HARPER:** APPROXIMATELY, YES.

2

3   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THAT WOULD BE MY MOTION.

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5   **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THE MOTION.

6

7   **SUP. BURKE:** AND ALSO, THOUGH, IN THE MOTION, IT DOES ASK THAT  
8   YOU LOOK AT THE COMPARATIVE RATES AND REPORT BACK TO US ON  
9   THOSE.

10

11   **SHARON HARPER:** WE CAN DO THAT.

12

13   **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL SECOND THAT AMENDMENT.

14

15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A QUESTION. DID YOU DO A REQUEST FOR  
16   INFORMATION FROM OTHER PROVIDERS PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE  
17   EXTENSION OF THIS CONTRACT?

18

19   **SHARON HARPER:** WE DID TALK WITH OTHER AGENCIES. WE DID NOT GO  
20   OUT AND DO A FORMALIZED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

21

22   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHOULD WE HAVE NOT GONE OUT FOR AN R.F.P.?

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24   **SHARON HARPER:** WELL, PART OF THE PROBLEM WITH US GOING OUT FOR  
25   AN R.F.P. WAS THE TIMEFRAME AND THE FACT THAT A LOT OF OUR



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1 EXPERIENCED STAFF IN SEVERAL OF THE DEPARTMENTS, THE  
2 TREASURERS, THE AUDITOR AND ALSO THE C.A.O. HAD RECENTLY  
3 RETIRED AND WE DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH STAFF AND THE EXPERTISE TO  
4 FULLY COMPLETE AN R.F.P. IN THE TIME THAT WE HAD REMAINING. SO  
5 WE HAD DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE UNION AS WELL AS MANAGEMENT AS  
6 TO WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION, REALIZING THAT WE  
7 WERE GOING TO GO OUT AND DO AN R.F.P. AFTER THIS EXTENSION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, BUT THIS IS A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION.

10

11 **SHARON HARPER:** YES, IT IS A THREE-YEAR EXTENSION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT IT HAS AN EXTENSION FOR TWO MORE YEARS, SO IT  
14 COULD BE FIVE YEARS.

15

16 **SHARON HARPER:** IT HAS AN OPTION-- IT COULD HAVE BEEN FIVE  
17 YEARS IF YOUR BOARD WOULD HAVE DECIDED TO EXERCISE THOSE  
18 ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR OPTIONS. WE WERE NOT COMMITTED TO DOING  
19 THE TWO YEARS.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE DO A YEAR-TO-YEAR?

22

23 **SHARON HARPER:** WE COULD DO THE YEAR-TO-YEAR. I'D HAVE TO FIND  
24 OUT WHETHER THAT WOULD BE ANY OTHER CHANGES ON THE AGREEMENT





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1 WITH OUR VENDOR. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT WOULD IMPACT THE  
2 RATES OR NOT. I'D HAVE TO FIND THAT OUT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I THINK DOESN'T SUPERVISOR BURKE'S AMENDMENT  
5 ADDRESS THAT, I MEAN, BY EXTENDING IT FOR THREE YEARS AND  
6 THEN, AT THE END OF THE SECOND YEAR, YOU PUT TOGETHER THE  
7 R.F.P. PRIOR TO...

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** START PREPARING THE R.F.P.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** SO YOU GO OFF FOR R.F.P. THAT WAY, YOU DON'T HAVE  
12 TO-- THAT WOULDN'T AFFECT THE CONTRACT, WOULD IT?

13

14 **SHARON HARPER:** NO, IT WOULD NOT.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CAN I UNDERSTAND, BESIDES THE FACT THAT WE  
17 NEED-- JUST WANT TO DO AN R.F.P., IS THERE SOMETHING THAT  
18 WOULD BENEFIT, WE WOULD GET A BETTER PRICE, WE'D GET A BREAK  
19 IN...

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** DON'T KNOW.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WELL, I MEAN, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING  
24 FOR? THAT'S WHAT I'M WONDERING.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, 13 YEARS, YOU'RE NOT ALWAYS  
2   SURE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A MAINTENANCE OF THE SAME LEVEL OF  
3   SERVICE OVER A PERIOD OF THREE, FIVE OR 13 YEARS.

4

5   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT DON'T THEY HAVE A CONTRACT FOR THAT  
6   LEVEL OF SERVICE?

7

8   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THEY'VE HAD A CONTRACT NOW FOR WHAT AMOUNTS  
9   TO EIGHT YEARS AND WE'RE NOW PROPOSING FIVE, THREE MORE WITH  
10   AN OPTION FOR TWO. AT LEAST ONE ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS A  
11   NATIONWIDE OR RECOGNIZED AREA-- ORGANIZATION INSTITUTION HAS  
12   INDICATED THAT THEIR FEES ARE LESS. NOW, OF COURSE, EVERYONE  
13   SAYS THAT WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO GET IT. MY INFORMATION CAME  
14   FROM THE ORGANIZATION OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROVIDERS AND  
15   THEY FEEL THAT IT'S APPROPRIATE TO HAVE AN R.F.P. RATHER THAN  
16   TO HAVE CONTINUOUS SOLE SOURCE OF CONTRACTS IN THIS AREA  
17   BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THAT THINGS CHANGE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME  
18   IN TERMS OF DIFFERENT PRODUCTS THAT ARE AVAILABLE, MECHANISMS,  
19   THE TECHNOLOGY CHANGES, OF COURSE, AND ANY NUMBER OF THINGS.  
20   SO THE ORGANIZATION ITSELF, WHO HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS,  
21   THEY HAVE NO VESTED FINANCIAL INTEREST IN IT, THEY SIMPLY  
22   BELIEVE THAT, AT SOME POINT, YOU SHOULD GO OUT TO AN R.F.P. TO  
23   FIND OUT. THE EXACT NAME OF IT, LET ME GET THE EXACT NAME OF  
24   THE ORGANIZATION, IT'S JUST LIKE THE ASSOCIATION OF  
25   ACCOUNTANTS BUT IT'S OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION. THE NATIONAL



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1 ASSOCIATION-- IT'S THE NATIONAL DEFERRED COMPENSATION  
2 ASSOCIATION.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST ASK ONE QUESTION? MS. BURKE JUST  
7 MADE A COMMENT THAT THERE'S AT LEAST ONE ORGANIZATION THAT IS  
8 PROVIDING SERVICE FOR LESS COST.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, THEY HAVE ALLEGED THAT. I CAN'T VERIFY IT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEY HAVE ALLEGED THAT. IS THAT-- WHICH  
13 COMPANY IS THAT, NATIONWIDE? DO THEY PROVIDE-- ON YOUR LIST,  
14 IS THERE ANY OF THESE NATIONWIDE'S CLIENT?

15

16 **SHARON HARPER:** I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF THESE ARE NATIONWIDE'S  
17 CLIENTS OR NOT BUT A LOT OF THE GROUPS, ALL OF THE TRUE COSTS  
18 ARE NOT IDENTIFIED BECAUSE THEY PARTICIPATE IN REVENUE SHARING  
19 AND THEY HAVE ALSO ACCESS THROUGH THE INVESTMENTS.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND ALL OF THAT BUT ON THE CHART, I  
22 JUST WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER-- ARE THEY REPRESENT-- ARE THEY  
23 HERE? IS SOMEBODY REPRESENTING THEM HERE? BECAUSE, ON THIS  
24 CHART AND I DON'T KNOW HOW COMPREHENSIVE THIS LIST IS, MISS  
25 HARPER, YOU KNOW AND-- AND IT WAS-- YOU KNOW, WHATEVER, WE'RE



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1 ON THE LOW END OF THE COST ON THIS LIST BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF  
2 JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE NOT ON THIS LIST. SO I JUST WONDER, IS  
3 THIS A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE, IF YOU TOOK 50 OF THE LARGEST  
4 CITIES AND COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES, WOULD WE STILL BE AT  
5 THE LOW END OF THE RANGE?

6

7 **SHARON HARPER:** I BELIEVE THAT WE WOULD. WE JUST RECENTLY GOT  
8 INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S FUND AND THEY  
9 JUST WENT OUT AND ACTUALLY, IT SHOWS ON HERE THAT THEIR FEES  
10 ARE \$3.4 MILLION. THE LATEST FIGURE IS THAT THEY'VE ACTUALLY  
11 INCREASED TO 5.2 AND THEIR COST IS .088%. SO, CONTRARY TO WHAT  
12 SOME OF THE CONSULTANTS ARE SAYING, WHERE FEES ARE GOING DOWN,  
13 FEES ARE ACTUALLY GOING UP.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THIS CHARGE SUGGESTS THAT OUR FEES ARE  
16 GOING DOWN. MY INFORMATION IS, AT THIS POINT, .08% IS ACTUALLY  
17 THE FIGURE FOR THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, NOT WHAT IT WOULD  
18 BE IF YOU TOOK IT RIGHT AT THIS VERY MOMENT, WHICH I'M TOLD IS  
19 CLOSER TO .11%. IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **SHARON HARPER:** I'M NOT-- I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT. I JUST KNOW  
22 THAT, FOR THE STATE, WHERE WE HAD .07 ON THE CHART, IT'S NOW  
23 .088%.

24



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE .08% THAT YOU HAVE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS  
2    ANGELES, THE COST FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES?

3

4    **SHARON HARPER:** YES.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THAT BASED ON? IT'S THE PERCENTAGE  
7    OF WHAT WHEN?

8

9    **SHARON HARPER:** IT'S A RECENT COST AND IT'S BASED ON THE  
10    PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL ASSETS AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS  
11    IN THE PLAN.

12

13    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS IT A PROJECTION OF-- IS IT-- IS IT THE--  
14    IS IT A PROJECTION OF WHAT THE COSTS WILL BE OR WHAT THE TOTAL  
15    ASSETS ARE, OR WHAT TOTAL ASSETS WILL BE?

16

17    **SHARON HARPER:** AND THE COST OF THE SERVICES THAT GREAT WEST IS  
18    GOING TO PROVIDE US FOR THE TOTAL ASSETS AND THAT'S...

19

20    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE 4.9 BILLION IN TOTAL ASSETS, IS THAT  
21    WHAT IT IS CURRENTLY OR IS THAT WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE A YEAR  
22    FROM NOW?

23

24    **SHARON HARPER:** THAT'S THE PROJECTION FOR '05/'06.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WOULD BE AT THE END OF '05/'06?

2

3    **SHARON HARPER:** YES.

4

5    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THE 3.7 MILLION ANNUAL PLANNED BUDGET,  
6    IS THAT BASED ON...

7

8    **SHARON HARPER:** THAT'S THE SAME BUDGET, BUDGET-TO-BUDGET  
9    INFORMATION.

10

11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND ALL OF THE-- OKAY. I GOTCHA. AND ALL OF  
12    THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT YOU HAVE ON YOUR CHART, ARE THEY  
13    ALSO BASED ON '05/'06 OR ARE THEY BASED ON CURRENT DATES OR  
14    PREVIOUS DATES?

15

16    **SHARON HARPER:** IT'S PROBABLY A MIXTURE OF INFORMATION FOR THE  
17    VARIOUS AGENCIES.

18

19    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THAT IT REALLY IS NOT AN APPLES-TO-APPLES  
20    COMPARISON, IS IT?

21

22    **SHARON HARPER:** WHERE WE HAD THE LATEST INFORMATION, LIKE I  
23    SAID, FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, WE SHOWED IT WAS .07,  
24    BECAUSE THAT WAS THE MOST RECENT INFORMATION. BUT SINCE WE  
25    SENT YOU THE CHART, WE GOT-- THERE ARE ACTUAL FEES IN AND,





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1 RIGHT NOW, IT'S GOING TO BE .088%, SO THE COST HAS RISEN FROM  
2 THE TIME THAT WE INITIALLY COLLECTED THIS INFORMATION. AND YOU  
3 CAN ALSO SEE ON HERE THE NUMBER OF STAFF THAT THEY HAVE  
4 ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTERING THE PLAN. IT'S SIGNIFICANTLY  
5 MORE THAN WHAT WE HAVE. SO, IN ADDITION TO THEM PAYING A  
6 HIGHER FEE FOR THE SERVICES, THEY ALSO HAVE 33 FULL-TIME  
7 EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATED WITH IT AS WELL.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. EITHER WAY, WE'RE AT THE LOW END OF  
10 THE RANGE.

11

12 **SHARON HARPER:** THAT IS CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN THE FUTURE, IT WOULD BE CLEARER FOR ME  
15 AND I THINK FOR EVERYBODY ELSE, YOU DO SAY SO BUT IT WAS NOT  
16 ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO THE UNINITIATED, MEANING ME, THAT THE  
17 COMPARISONS WERE OF DIFFERENT-- POTENTIALLY, OF DIFFERENT  
18 YEARS BUT, HAVING SAID THAT, EVEN IF YOU DID-- NO MATTER WHICH  
19 YEARS YOU TOOK, WE WOULD BE AT THE LOW END OF THESE THAT  
20 YOU'VE SURVEYED, IS THAT...

21

22 **SHARON HARPER:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS I UNDERSTAND IT.

25



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE US. MS.  
2    BURKE'S MOTION.

3

4    **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

5

6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY-- SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.  
7    IS THERE ANY QUESTION OR COMMENT? ANY OBJECTION? IF NOT, SO  
8    ORDERED ON THAT. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

9

10   **SUP. KNABE:** YES. ITEM 2.

11

12   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ITEM 2.

13

14   **SUP. KNABE:** IT WAS HELD FOR A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, I GUESS.

15

16   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES, IT WAS, FOR MR. RICHARD ROBINSON. MR.  
17   ROBINSON, IF YOU'D JOIN US, PLEASE.

18

19   **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MADAM CHAIRWOMAN, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON.  
20   I'M ESTABLISHING A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN SUPERVISOR  
21   YAROSLAVSKY'S DISTRICT. SIMILAR TO THAT I AM ESTABLISHING IN  
22   SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S DISTRICT AT THE MILLION-DOLLAR HOTEL AT  
23   FIFTH AND MAIN IN THE SKID ROW DISTRICT. THE NEIGHBORHOOD  
24   WATCH I'M ESTABLISHING IN HOLLYWOOD IS A LOT SMALLER BUT



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1 VITAL. MA'AM, BECAUSE I FEEL A SUMMARY OF MY BACKGROUND WILL  
2 SUFFICE...

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE IT HERE SOME...

5

6 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** I WAS ON MY WAY TO BECOMING A CRIMINAL, A  
7 CAREER CRIMINAL WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL. THE VIGOROUS TOUGH LOVE  
8 OF PARENTS, SCHOOL AND CHURCH SAVED MY MORTAL CARCASS. WHEN  
9 YOU SENTENCE A YOUNG PERSON TO THE TIME THE COURT ADJUDICATES,  
10 YOU DEFEND HER OR HIS LIFE. MA'AM, YOU DO NOT DEFEND THEIR  
11 LIVES BY DESCENDING A CONFUSING, MIXED SIGNAL. MAKING THEM  
12 SERVE THEIR TIME OFTEN IS WHAT THEY EXPECT AND NEED. THANK  
13 YOU.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. ROBINSON. THE ITEM IS  
16 BEFORE US, ITEM NUMBER 2.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE IT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE, SECONDED BY  
21 SUPERVISOR BURKE. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, SO ORDERED ON THAT  
22 ITEM. THAT COMPLETES YOUR ITEMS, MR. KNABE? ALL RIGHT.  
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

24



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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
2   MEMORY OF NANCY MARY ALFIERI, THE MOTHER OF DENNIS ALFIERI,  
3   ONE OF MY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,  
4   RALPH, WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 66 YEARS AND HER OTHER SON,  
5   RANDY.

6

7   **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

8

9   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ELIZABETH MARY AGELAT, WIFE OF 62 YEARS TO  
10   DR. DMITRI PETER AGELAT, LOVING MOTHER OF JOYCE AND SONS,  
11   GEORGE AND CHARLES AND SURVIVED BY HER SISTER, NELLIE. HANNAH  
12   LEE TOM, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS A GRADUATE  
13   OF UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY IN ECONOMICS. SHE MARRIED  
14   KIM FONG TOM AND THEY WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN THE RESTAURANT  
15   BUSINESS. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE ALHAMBRA LUTHERAN RETIREMENT  
16   FACILITY. SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF FRANKLIN, AND MOTHER-IN-LAW TO  
17   LOLITA TOM. FRANKLIN SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF CORPORATIONS FOR  
18   GOVERNOR DEUKMAJIAN'S ADMINISTRATION AND AS A LAWYER DOWNTOWN.  
19   ELEANOR HAINES ENGBRETSON, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 107. SHE  
20   WAS A ACTIVE MEMBER IN OUR SAVIOR EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF SAN  
21   GABRIEL AND THE PASADENA REPUBLICAN WOMEN'S FEDERATED. I HAD  
22   THE OPPORTUNITY OF KNOWING HER AND DOING A SPECIAL  
23   PRESENTATION ON HER 105TH BIRTHDAY. AT THE TIME, SHE WAS GOING  
24   OUT TO VOTE AT THE PASADENA REPUBLIC WOMEN'S FEDERATION AND  
25   SHE REMAINED ACTIVE UNTIL THE END. JUDGE MORTIMER GEORGE



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1 FRANCISCUS. HE BEGAN HIS LEGAL CAREER WITH UNION OIL AND  
2 BECAME AN ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY. HE WAS APPOINTED  
3 BY GOVERNOR REAGAN TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT IN 1969 AND TO THE  
4 SUPERIOR COURT BY GOVERNOR GEORGE DEUKMAJIAN IN 1985. JUST  
5 FRANCISCUS WAS ACTIVE IN THE PASADENA SOUTH PASADENA AREA WHEN  
6 I WAS ON THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE PROVIDED LECTURES TO THE  
7 DEPARTMENT, BOTH IN SOUTH PASADENA AND THE PASADENA POLICE  
8 DEPARTMENT'S LEGAL AFFAIRS. VERY NICE MAN. ANOTHER COMMUNITY  
9 LEADER WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92, FRANK KUWAHARA. HE  
10 SERVED QUITE ACTIVELY ON THE JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER AND WAS  
11 AN APPOINTEE TO THE L.A. CITY C.R.A. COMMISSION FOR A NUMBER  
12 OF YEARS AND HE LEAVES HIS WIFE, SUMIKO, AND CHILDREN, HOWARD,  
13 RAY AND JEAN DAVENPORT. JULIANNA GABRICH, ACTIVE IN THE  
14 CROATIAN COMMUNITY. SHE LEAVES HER TWO DAUGHTERS, FRANCES  
15 YESETA AND DOROTHY LUSICH. DR. PAUL GELERIS, WHO ESTABLISHED  
16 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY'S FIRST MEDICAL LABORATORY AND THE  
17 GELERIS CANCER CENTER AT CITRUS VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER, QUEEN  
18 OF THE VALLEY CAMPUS AND HE HELPED ESTABLISH THE CITRUS  
19 COLLEGE FOUNDATION, WHERE HE SERVED AS A BOARD PRESIDENT, ON  
20 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE COLLEGE IN THE 1970S. ELIZABETH  
21 HONE, WHO INSPIRED MANY OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS. SHE  
22 TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SHE WAS  
23 ELECTED FELLOW TO THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT  
24 OF SCIENCE IN 1971. BOBETTE CHRISTINE KNITTEL. SHE DIED WHILE  
25 SERVING ON A MISSION FOR MINISTRIES OF THE HEART, WHICH WAS A



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1 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SHE HAD FOUNDED. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF  
2 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR 30 YEARS AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RCIA  
3 PROGRAM AT SACRED HEART PARISH IN LANCASTER. SHE WAS ALSO  
4 RELIGIOUS DIRECTOR OF ST. MARY'S PARISH IN PALMDALE AND  
5 INCARNATION PARISH IN GLENDALE. CHARLES BELL, A RETIRED  
6 GLENDALE FIREFIGHTER. HE SERVED FOR 30 YEARS WITH THE  
7 DEPARTMENT. EDWIN HENRY RIEDELL, WHO WAS THE ONE-TIME CHIEF OF  
8 OBSTETRICS AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITAL AND WAS A MEMBER  
9 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL  
10 ASSOCIATION. AND HEINRICH RINDERKNECHT. HE HAD ESTABLISHED A  
11 CAREER AS AN INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH CHEMIST AND CREATED FIRST THE  
12 FIRST COMMERCIAL SYNTHESIS OF DEMEROL AND ALSO DEVELOPED THE  
13 FIRST COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE OVEN CLEANER. HE WAS A GENIUS IN  
14 THE FIELD OF MEDICINE AND BIOCHEMISTRY. ROBERT KNOX RACHFORD,  
15 WHO LEAVES HIS WIFE, ANNE, AND JOELLYN, HIS SON. AND VERA  
16 MOORE FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

17  
18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. ANYTHING  
19 ELSE? SUPERVISOR-- I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS TODAY.  
20 SUPERVISOR BURKE?

21  
22 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN  
23 MEMORY OF LISA FREEMAN ROBERTS. SHE PASSED AWAY MAY 6TH. SHE  
24 WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. SHE WAS A  
25 SCREEN, TELEVISION, STAGE AND RECORDING ARTIST. SHE WAS





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1 ARTISTIC DIRECTOR FOR THE YOUNG SAINT'S SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION  
2 FOR 35 YEARS. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER DAUGHTER,  
3 EVELYN FREEMAN ROBERTS, AND FAMILY. LEVOIS BROWN, WHO PASSED  
4 AWAY ON JUNE 4TH, 2005. LEVOIS WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE  
5 TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR AT THE TIME OF HER PASSING. SHE  
6 HAS BEEN AN EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY FOR 35 YEARS. AND, DURING  
7 HER COUNTY CAREER, SHE HAS ALSO WORKED FOR THE SHERIFF AND  
8 DISTRICT ATTORNEY. SHE RESIDED IN ENGLEWOOD AND IS SURVIVED BY  
9 MANY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS HER. CAROLYN  
10 DENISE BROWN, WHO PASSED AWAY MAY 25TH, AFTER LOSING HER  
11 BATTLE WITH BREAST CANCER. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF THE  
12 SECOND DISTRICT. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND,  
13 BOBBIE LEDELLE BROWN, TWO ADULT CHILDREN, AND FOUR YOUNGER  
14 CHILDREN, INCLUDING A THREE-MONTH-OLD DAUGHTER, FAITH. JAMES  
15 SIMI POTASIE, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 27TH. HE WAS A STAFF  
16 MEMBER OF THE EAST RANCHO DOMINGAS SERVICE CENTER AND WAS  
17 ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN EVERY FACET OF SERVICE CENTER DELIVERY  
18 SINCE 1979. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

19  
20 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED ON THOSE ADJOURNMENTS. ANY  
21 OTHER ITEMS?

22  
23 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NO OTHER ITEMS.



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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOUR SPECIALS,  
2    PLEASE.

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE  
5    MEMORY OF GRETA FURST. GRETA WAS A LONG-TIME VOLUNTEER AND  
6    SUPPORTER OF THE LOS ANGELES FREE CLINIC, PASSED AWAY OVER THE  
7    WEEKEND. SHE WAS A FRIEND OF OURS, DEVOTED A GREAT DEAL OF HER  
8    TIME AND ENERGY TO WORKING AT THE FRONT DESK OF THE CLINIC,  
9    SERVING ON GOVERNING BOARDS, ORGANIZING MANY OF THE HIGHLY  
10    SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISERS AT THE CLINIC AND BUILDING A SOCIAL  
11    NETWORK OF COMMITTED SUPPORTERS TO PROMOTE THE CAUSE OF THE  
12    FREE CLINIC. HER PERSONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDED  
13    ESTABLISHING THE FREE CLINIC AUXILIARY WHICH PRODUCED THE  
14    HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL LAUGHING MATTERS LUNCHEONS THAT SOME OF US  
15    HAVE BEEN TO AND CREATING THE NEW FRIENDS COMMITTEE TO BRING  
16    YOUNG PEOPLE INTO THE CLINIC FAMILY. SHE WAS A GREAT ADVOCATE  
17    FOR HEALTHCARE FOR THE UNINSURED AND AND FOR THE POOR IN THIS  
18    COUNTY. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, LIONEL, AND OTHER  
19    FAMILY MEMBERS. ASK THAT WE ALSO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF JEAN  
20    O'LEARY, A FORMER NUN WHO LATER BECAME A NATIONAL CHAMPION OF  
21    GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS, A LONG-TIME DEMOCRATIC PARTY ACTIVIST,  
22    THE FIRST OPENLY GAY OR LESBIAN DELEGATE TO A DEMOCRATIC  
23    NATIONAL CONVENTION IN 1976, A PROMINENT POLITICAL CONSULTANT  
24    IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA AND IN WASHINGTON WHO RECENTLY DIED OF  
25    LUNG CANCER AT THE AGE OF 57. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER PARTNER



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1 OF 12 YEARS, LISA PHELPS, THEIR DAUGHTER, VICTORIA, A SON,  
2 DAVID DE MARIA, A GRANDSON, AIDEN DE MARIA, A SISTER, DIANNE  
3 YUREG AND TWO BROTHERS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. THOSE ARE MY  
4 TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN ON JEAN O'LEARY, SOMEONE  
7 I KNEW AND REALLY RESPECTED. SHE DID TREMENDOUS WORK AND WE'RE  
8 ALL GOING TO MISS HER LEADERSHIP. SO ORDERED ON THOSE  
9 ADJOURNMENTS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE WAS ALSO ACTIVE, RAN THE GAY AND LESBIAN  
12 COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER FOR AWHILE IN HER EARLIER YEARS. WHEN  
13 I WAS WITH THE CITY, THAT'S WHEN I GOT TO KNOW HER. SHE WAS A  
14 VERY GIFTED ADMINISTRATOR. MADAM CHAIR, I WAS HOLDING ONE ITEM  
15 AND THAT WAS ITEM 39.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** 39.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS THE INCREASE IN THE LIBRARY TAX,  
20 THE LIBRARY ASSESSMENT AND I'M-- I HELD IT IN ORDER TO VOTE  
21 "NO" BUT I-- I'M REALLY-- I'M JUST GOING TO MAKE THE PITCH.  
22 THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT IN THIS CURRENT PROPOSED BUDGET OR THE  
23 BUDGET WE'VE ADOPTED, THE COUNTY IS INCREASING ITS NET COUNTY  
24 CONTRIBUTION-- NET COUNTY COST CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIBRARY  
25 DEPARTMENT BY ALMOST DOUBLE, FROM 27 MILLION TO \$53 MILLION.



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1 THE BUDGET OF THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT IS \$128 MILLION. THIS  
2 INCREASE IS CERTAINLY THE LARGEST INCREASE MADE BY THE BOARD  
3 OF SUPERVISORS TO THE COUNTY LIBRARY DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET SINCE  
4 I'VE BEEN HERE, AND THERE'S NOTHING EVEN CLOSE TO IT SINCE  
5 I'VE BEEN HERE. MAYBE EVER. THIS TAX INCREASE WOULD RAISE A  
6 GRAND TOTAL OF \$235,000 FOR AN OPERATING BUDGET OF \$128  
7 MILLION. AND FRANKLY, I THINK IT'S AN INSULT TO THE PEOPLE WHO  
8 PAY THIS TAX, WHO ARE IN THE LIBRARY DISTRICT, WHICH IS THE  
9 ENTIRE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY, AS WELL AS 11-- I MEAN  
10 OF THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS 11 CITIES: CUDAHY, CULVER CITY,  
11 DUARTE, EL MONTE, LA CANADA, FLINTRIDGE, LAKEWOOD, LOMITA,  
12 LYNWOOD, MAYWOOD, SANTA CLARITA, AND WEST HOLLYWOOD. NOW, I  
13 JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT, WHEN THE FIRE DISTRICT, WHICH IS  
14 VERY SIMILAR TO THE LIBRARY DISTRICT, HAD A SURPLUS OF FUNDS  
15 OR WHAT WAS PERCEIVED AS A SURPLUS OF FUNDS, THE FIRE CHIEF  
16 CAME IN AND ASKED TO REDUCE THE TAX. FRANKLY, I THINK THIS IS  
17 A YEAR WHERE WE COULD CONSIDER REDUCING, NOT INCREASING, THIS  
18 TAX. HOW IT GOT TO THIS POINT WHERE, WITH ALL OF THE LARGESS  
19 THAT WE ARE FOISTING ON THIS DEPARTMENT, AND WE ALL LOVE THE  
20 LIBRARIES, THAT SOMEHOW THE BUREAUCRACY STILL-- YOU KNOW, IT  
21 WAS, LIKE, ON AUTOMATIC PILOT, TO INCREASE, EVEN THIS MODEST  
22 AMOUNT, TO INCREASE THE TAX IS BEYOND ME. IS THERE A DEADLINE  
23 BY WHICH A DECISION ON LOWERING THE TAX HAS TO BE MADE OR THE  
24 ASSESSMENT? I DON'T KNOW IF IT A TAX OR ASSESSMENT, HOW YOU



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1 DEFINE IT LEGALLY BUT IS THERE A DEADLINE BY WHICH, IF WE  
2 WANTED TO LOWER THE TAX, WE COULD DO THAT?

3

4 **MARGARET TODD:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, MY UNDERSTANDING IS  
5 THAT IT NEEDS TO BE DONE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1ST IN ORDER FOR  
6 IT TO-- FOR THE ASSESSOR TO BE ABLE TO DO...

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE BOARD HAS TO ACT BY AUGUST 1ST?

9

10 **MARGARET TODD:** CORRECT. IT'S IN OUR PROPOSED BUDGET THAT WILL  
11 BE BEFORE THE BOARD AT THE END OF JUNE, SO...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALONG WITH THE OTHER \$128 MILLION THAT'S IN  
14 YOUR PROPOSED BUDGET. YOU'RE GOING TO BE FINE IN YOUR BUDGET.  
15 YOU'VE GOT MORE IN YOUR BUDGET THAN YOU'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO  
16 SPEND, I THINK WE ALL KNOW THAT. THAT'S WHY I HAVE A PROBLEM.  
17 MOST OF THESE ARE NOT MY CONSTITUENTS OTHER THAN THE  
18 UNINCORPORATED IN WEST HOLLYWOOD. THE REST OF THEM ARE YOUR  
19 CONSTITUENTS. BUT I DON'T KNOW, WHEN WE KNOW FULL WELL THAT  
20 YOU WILL HAVE ALL THE MONEY YOU CAN SPEND, WHY WE WOULD RAISE  
21 THE TAX. WE'VE GONE TO THESE CONSTITUENTS OF OURS, THESE  
22 TAXPAYERS, IN DIFFICULT TIMES. THIS IS NOT A KNOCK ON YOU,  
23 THIS IS A KNOCK ON US, LONG BEFORE YOU WERE HERE, I THINK IT  
24 WAS 1997, WHENEVER WE HAD THE FIRE IN THE LIBRARY ASSESSMENT  
25 ON THE BALLOT AND WE KIND OF MADE A COMPACT WITH THE PEOPLE



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1 THAT, WHEN WE NEEDED IT, WE WOULD DRAW DOWN ON THIS OR ASSESS  
2 THEM AND, WHEN WE DIDN'T NEED IT, WE WOULDN'T. THAT WAS KIND  
3 OF THE PITCH THAT WAS MADE AND, EVEN IF WE NEVER MADE THAT  
4 PITCH, IT WOULD BE COMMON SENSE FOR US, POLITICALLY AND  
5 ECONOMICALLY, NOT TO GO ASKING PEOPLE FOR MORE MONEY WHEN WE  
6 DIDN'T NEED IT. WE DON'T NEED IT THIS YEAR. WE MAY NEED IT  
7 NEXT YEAR. WE MAY NEED IT THE YEAR AFTER. IT WILL BE THERE.  
8 AND I THINK ONE OF THE REASONS WE ARE ABLE TO GO TO THE PEOPLE  
9 FOR THINGS LIKE LIBRARY ASSESSMENT OR THE FIRE ASSESSMENT BACK  
10 IN '97 OR THE TRAUMA TAX A COUPLE YEARS AGO, IS THAT WE HAVE  
11 CREDIBILITY THAT, WHEN WE ASK THEM, IT'S BECAUSE WE NEED IT.  
12 SO I'M ASKING THAT WE NOT SUPPORT THIS. I'M GOING TO MOVE, AS  
13 A SUBSTITUTE FOR THIS, THAT WE REFER THIS BACK TO YOUR  
14 DEPARTMENT AND THE C.A.O. FOR CONSIDERATION OF LOWERING THE  
15 TAX AND REPORT BACK AN APPROPRIATE AMOUNT THAT DOESN'T DO ANY-  
16 - THAT DOESN'T UNDERMINE THE MISSION AS CONCEIVED OF IN THE  
17 PROPOSED BUDGET AND REPORT BACK TO US BEFORE AUGUST 1ST IN  
18 TIME FOR US TO MAKE A DECISION ON THAT. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO  
19 SUPPORT AN INCREASE IN THIS ASSESSMENT THIS YEAR. I'VE  
20 SUPPORTED THE ASSESSMENT EVERY SINGLE YEAR THAT IT'S BEEN  
21 PROPOSED SINCE I'VE BEEN HERE BUT THERE'S NO REASON TO SUPPORT  
22 THIS. I MEAN, 235,000 IS BESIDE THE POINT. IT'S NOT THE  
23 AMOUNT. IT REALLY, IN THIS CASE, IS THE PRINCIPLE OF THE  
24 MATTER.

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1    **SUP. KNABE:** WHY CAN'T WE REFER IT TO BUDGET DELIBERATIONS ON  
2    THE 23RD OR WHATEVER?

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THAT'S FINE, TOO, BUT I'D LIKE TO GET  
5    A REPORT BACK ON WHETHER WE COULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT. I DON'T  
6    KNOW HOW THIS-- I KNOW MORE ABOUT THE FIRE ASSESSMENT THAN I  
7    KNOW ABOUT THIS ONE AND I KNOW THAT, IN THE FIRE ASSESSMENT,  
8    BECAUSE WE'VE DONE IT A FEW TIMES, THANKS TO CHIEF FREEMAN, WE  
9    LOWER IT. WE CAN THEN RAISE IT. THERE'S A CAP OF \$40-SOMETHING  
10   OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT. IS THAT THE SAME WITH THE LIBRARY  
11   DEPARTMENT? SO IF WE DROPPED IT FIVE BUCKS THIS YEAR AND WE  
12   NEEDED IT NEXT YEAR, WE COULD GO BACK UP? ANYWAY, THOSE ARE  
13   THE KINDS OF QUESTIONS THAT WE NEED ANSWERED BUT I REALLY  
14   THINK THAT, IN A YEAR LIKE THIS, THAT WE OUGHT TO CONSIDER  
15   DOING THAT. SO, HOWEVER, CAN YOU GET US A REPORT ON THAT? AND  
16   WHEN ARE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS? IN TWO WEEKS? 20TH? SO, YEAH,  
17   TWO WEEKS. SO CAN YOU GET US A-- THAT'S FINE. I'LL GO ALONG  
18   WITH A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE, THEN.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE:** WELL, WAS THERE A SECOND TO THAT MOTION?

21

22   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** WAS THERE A SECOND? MS. BURKE?

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24   **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST WANT TO COMMENT THAT THERE IS A NEED IN MY  
25   DISTRICT FOR SOME LIBRARY FUNDS. WE WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO



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1 BE ABLE TO GET A STATE GRANT AND THAT WAS FOR THE REBUILDING  
2 OF A LIBRARY THAT WE HAVE ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
3 CITY OF LAWNSDALE WHERE WE HAVE PROPERTY AND THAT WE ARE GOING  
4 TO HAVE A JOINT AGREEMENT WITH THEM TO DEVELOP THAT LIBRARY  
5 AND THE STATE HAS PROVIDED US THE FUNDS FOR THAT BUT WE NOW  
6 FIND THAT, WITH THE INCREASED COSTS OF CONCRETE AND STEEL, THE  
7 STATE ALLOCATION WILL BE INSUFFICIENT. NOW, 235,000 IS NOT  
8 GOING TO MAKE IT UP. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND OTHER FUNDS  
9 AS WELL IN ORDER TO GET-- ACCEPT THE GRANT AND TO MOVE  
10 FORWARD. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HAVE OTHER LIBRARIES THAT ARE  
11 IN DIRE NEED OF REPAIR. WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET THEM REPAIRED  
12 FOR SOME TIME AND WE DO THIS INCREMENTALLY. AND THESE ARE  
13 PEOPLE WHO OFTEN DON'T HAVE A PLACE TO STUDY, THEY DON'T HAVE  
14 COMPUTERS AT HOME, SO THEY RELY ON THESE COMPUTERS TO COME TO  
15 THE LIBRARY TO UTILIZE THEM IN ORDER FOR STUDYING. SO THESE  
16 LIBRARIES PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN TERMS OF THE EDUCATION  
17 OF THE COMMUNITY AND THIS LAWNSDALE LIBRARY IS SOMETHING I WANT  
18 TO TELL YOU THAT WE'VE BEEN WANTING TO GET FOR THE LAST THREE  
19 OR FOUR YEARS SINCE THEY FIRST HAD THE FIRST ALLOCATION. NOW,  
20 THE UNFORTUNATE THING ABOUT PUTTING OFF A SMALL INCREASE IS,  
21 WHEN YOU GO BACK THE NEXT TIME, YOU HAVE TO PUT A LARGER  
22 INCREASE THAT MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR PEOPLE TO ACCEPT. I  
23 BELIEVE THAT AN INCREMENTAL INCREASE CERTAINLY WILL-- IT WILL  
24 NOT BE A TREMENDOUS BURDEN ON PEOPLE BUT YOU WON'T HAVE TO  
25 COME BACK LATER TO GET MORE. TO SAY THAT THE LIBRARY HAS



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1 ENOUGH MONEY TO DO ALL THE THINGS IT WANTS AND MAYBE, YOU  
2 KNOW, I JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GET THAT, BECAUSE WE HAVE A  
3 LIST OF PROJECTS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE DONE AND PARTICULARLY  
4 THIS LAWNDALE PROJECT IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT AS FAR AS WE'RE  
5 CONCERNED.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I BELIEVE THAT THE ASSESSMENT IS FOR  
8 OPERATING COSTS. IS THAT CORRECT?

9

10 **MARGARET TODD:** IT'S FOR OPERATING COSTS AND MAINTENANCE, SO  
11 YOU CAN USE IT FOR REFURBISHMENTS AND THAT TYPE OF THING.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT, BUT NOT FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** AND OPERATING IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS WE  
16 HAVE WITH THE LAWNDALE LIBRARY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS YOUR BUDGET THIS LAST YEAR?

19

20 **MARGARET TODD:** YOU KNOW, I DON'T HAVE IT IN FRONT OF ME.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR BUDGET WAS THIS  
23 YEAR?

24



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1 **MARGARET TODD:** EXCUSE ME. LET ME ASK MR. FLINT TO STEP UP HERE  
2 BECAUSE HE'S GOT THE...

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT'S FINE.

5

6 **MARGARET TODD:** I'M SORRY. I'VE BEEN SO FOCUSED ON THIS COMING  
7 YEAR THAT...

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S OKAY. IT'S OKAY. I KNOW THAT YOUR  
10 PROPOSED BUDGET IS 128 MILLION. I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT  
11 WHAT...

12

13 **MARGARET TODD:** IT'S ABOUT 90 MILLION. THAT'S WHAT I WAS  
14 THINKING. I WAS THINKING 92. SO IT'S ABOUT 90 MILLION.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOUR BUDGET'S GONE FROM 92 TO 128 MILLION  
17 THIS YEAR?

18

19 **MARGARET TODD:** IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET, YES, SUPERVISOR.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY DID YOU PICK THIS PARTICULAR AMOUNT OF  
22 MONEY TO RAISE THE TAX? IS THAT THE MAXIMUM YOU CAN RAISE IT?

23

24 **MARGARET TODD:** THE MAXIMUM WE CAN RAISE IS 2%, AND THE  
25 INFLATION RATE WAS, I THINK, 3.35.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE FIRE IN THAT  
3 RESPECT.

4

5 **MARGARET TODD:** YEAH, AND SUPERVISOR, ONE OF THE THINGS, YOU  
6 KNOW, IT'S A GOOD POINT AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE STRUGGLE  
7 WITH, WITH THE SPECIAL TAXES, IT ONLY COVERS 11 CITIES AND ALL  
8 THE UNINCORPORATED AND ONE OF THE THINGS WE STRUGGLE WITH IS  
9 IF WE'VE GIVEN THEM-- WE SAY YOU'RE GOING TO RECEIVE  
10 ADDITIONAL SERVICE BECAUSE YOU DO PAY FOR THIS AND WE'RE GOING  
11 TO GIVE YOU X NUMBER OF HOURS, X NUMBER OF BOOKS. THEN, IN  
12 ORDER TO MAINTAIN THAT, WE NEED TO KEEP UP WITH THE INFLATION  
13 RATE. OTHERWISE, OUR OTHER CITIES SAY, "WELL, WAIT A MINUTE,  
14 ARE YOU TAKING FROM ME IN ORDER TO KEEP THEM LEVEL?" SO IT'S  
15 KIND OF A CONSTANT...

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EXCEPT THAT, IN THIS YEAR, YOU DON'T HAVE TO  
18 WORRY ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THEY HAVE JUST-- THE BOARD HAS JUST  
19 SHOVED ALMOST 40-- OR \$36 MILLION IN ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR ALL  
20 KINDS OF THINGS, INCLUDING NEW LIBRARIES, INCLUDING  
21 REFURBISHMENTS, INCLUDING EXPANDED HOURS, ALL OF THE ABOVE  
22 WITHOUT NEEDING TO RAISE ONE NICKEL OF A TAX.

23

24 **MARGARET TODD:** YEAH.

25



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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE-- I MEAN, YOU'VE GONE WAY BEYOND  
2    ANY-- YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HAVING FULFILLED YOUR  
3    COMMITMENT TO ANY CONSTITUENCY, THANKS TO YOUR BUDGET AND MR.  
4    JANSSEN'S PROPOSAL AND WHAT THE BOARD APPROVED A FEW WEEKS AGO  
5    AND WE'RE MOST LIKELY TO APPROVE AGAIN, SO I-- I-- I MEAN,  
6    WHEN DO YOU NOT RAISE A TAX? BY THIS ARGUMENT, YOU WOULD JUST--  
7    - BECAUSE-- YOU RAISE IT BECAUSE IT'S THERE AND IF YOU DON'T  
8    DO IT BECAUSE YOU'RE AFRAID YOU'RE NOT-- YOU MAY HAVE TO DO IT  
9    IN THE FUTURE AND YOU WON'T GET AS MUCH VALUE OUT OF IT, THEN  
10   WE'RE REALLY BEING DISINGENUOUS WITH THE PUBLIC IN SAYING THAT  
11   IT'S AN ANNUAL DECISION. IT'S ALMOST LIKE IT'S-- LIKE WE'RE  
12   FAULTED FOR EVEN EXERCISING OUR DISCRETION. ANYWAY, I JUST...

13

14   **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE IT.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE WHAT? THE TAX?

17

18   **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE-- YES, THE TAX.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DID NOT GET A SECOND TO PUT THIS OVER TO  
21   THE BUDGET?

22

23   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, YOU DIDN'T.

24

25   **SUP. BURKE:** NO, YOU DID NOT.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DID. I SECOND IT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** DID YOU SECOND TO PUT IT OVER IN THE BUDGET?

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, I SECONDED THE BUDGET.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** I DIDN'T HEAR A SECOND.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DIDN'T HEAR A SECOND, EITHER. SUPERVISOR  
13 ANTONOVICH.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT HAS BEEN THE IMPACT ON THE STATE AND  
16 COUNTY CUTS ON THE DEPARTMENT OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS?

17

18 **MARGARET TODD:** WELL, THE STATE HAS CUT OUR STATE SUPPORT,  
19 WHICH IS THE PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND, HAS CUT IT 75%. NOW, THE  
20 BOARD HAS GENEROUSLY REINSTATED SOME OF THOSE FUNDS BECAUSE  
21 THAT MONEY WENT TO A MATERIALS BUDGET AND WE LOOK AT THIS  
22 YEAR, THEY'RE PROPOSING A 220,000-DOLLAR CUT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY'RE PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL CUT THIS  
25 YEAR?



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2 **MARGARET TODD:** MM HM, YES, SIR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THE  
5 LIBRARY SERVICE COMPARES WITH THE LEVEL OF SERVICES TO YOUR  
6 NATIONAL STANDARDS?

7

8 **MARGARET TODD:** WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE NATIONAL STANDARDS, THE  
9 AMOUNT OF MONEY WE PUT TOWARDS MATERIALS, BOOKS AND MATERIALS  
10 IS BELOW WHAT THE STANDARD SAYS IT SHOULD BE. OUR LIBRARIES,  
11 IN TERMS OF-- IF YOU LOOK AT LARGER URBAN SYSTEMS THAT ARE  
12 WELL THOUGHT OF AND CONSIDERED TO BE TOP SYSTEMS, WE TEND TO  
13 STAFF FEWER PROFESSIONALS IN OUR BUILDINGS. IN OTHER WORDS, WE  
14 DON'T HAVE SPECIFIC YOUNG ADULT LIBRARIANS, THAT TYPE OF  
15 THING.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND ARE YOUR RESOURCES ADEQUATE TO MEET THE  
18 PROJECTED GROWTH THAT'S OCCURRING IN OUR COMMUNITIES?

19

20 **MARGARET TODD:** I-- I WORRY ABOUT THAT. RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE MANY  
21 FACILITIES THAT ARE IN NEED OF MAJOR, MAJOR RENOVATION AND/OR  
22 REPLACEMENT, PLUS OUR NEW GROWTH AREAS, WHERE WE KNOW WE HAVE  
23 TO BUILD NEW BUILDINGS. THE DENSITIES ARE GOING TO INCREASE,  
24 AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT THEY SHOW US, AND SO I'M ALSO CONCERNED



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1 ABOUT HAVING SUFFICIENT STAFF AND MATERIALS TO SERVE THE  
2 PUBLIC.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST IS  
5 THE LIBRARY HAS TAKEN MAJOR REDUCTIONS AND, WITH THE LARGE  
6 NUMBER OF LIBRARIES THAT ARE BEING ELIMINATED FROM OUR SCHOOLS  
7 TODAY, STUDENTS ARE VERY-- LET'S SAY, ARE HANDICAPPED FROM THE  
8 ABILITY OF GETTING THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO DO THEIR WORK TO  
9 COMPLY WITH THEIR HOMEWORK, TO COMPLY WITH THEIR EDUCATIONAL  
10 NEEDS AND WE ARE BASICALLY A LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR THE  
11 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS IN THIS COUNTY AND LIBRARIES, FOR TOO  
12 LONG, HAVE BEEN KIND OF THE WHIPPING BOARD, BEING REDUCED AND  
13 SERVICES REQUIRED BUT RESOURCES NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE  
14 JOB. AND YOU GO INTO SOME OF THE LIBRARIES AND THEY NEED  
15 RENOVATIONS, THEY NEED EXPANSION, THEY NEED ADEQUATE BOOKS. I  
16 SPEAK AS A SHELFER IN A UNIVERSITY WHEN I WAS A STUDENT AND AS  
17 ONE WHO REALLY USED THE LIBRARY, BOTH AS-- FROM HIGH SCHOOL,  
18 JUNIOR HIGH, ON. AND THIS IS ONE AREA THAT PROTECTS OUR  
19 CHILDREN. WE JUST EXPANDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR FOSTER  
20 CHILDREN NOW TO HAVE LIBRARY CARDS. I MEAN, WE'VE BEEN MOVING  
21 FORWARD IN THAT. AND, AGAIN, THIS IS THEIR PLACE TO LEARN, TO  
22 STUDY, A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT OUR  
23 LIBRARY HAVE THEIR RESOURCES.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, CAN I ASK A FOLLOW-UP QUESTION  
2    OF THE LIBRARIAN?

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4    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YES.

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6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I ASK YOU OR YOUR DEPUTY, THE BUDGET--  
7    THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE LIBRARY IS 128 MILLION. LAST YEAR  
8    YOU SAID IT WAS 92.2-- OR THIS YEAR, IT'S 92.2. IS THAT-- 96?

9

10   **SPEAKER:** I MISSPOKE. IT'S 96.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 96. DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS IN PRIOR YEARS?  
13   DO YOU HAVE A, LIKE, THE LAST THREE YEARS? WHAT HAS IT GONE--  
14   IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HOW HAS YOUR BUDGET GONE, FROM WHAT TO  
15   WHAT?

16

17   **SPEAKER:** THE 2003/'04 WAS 90.3 MILLION.

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19   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 90?

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21   **SPEAKER:** 90.3 MILLION.

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23   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. HOW ABOUT '02/'03?

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** THIS ONLY GOES BACK TO '03/'04, I'M SORRY. THAT'S AS  
2 FAR BACK AS THIS BOOK GOES AND I DON'T HAVE THE NUMBERS OFF  
3 THE TOP OF MY HEAD. I APOLOGIZE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW WHAT THE BUDGET OF THE LIBRARY  
6 DEPARTMENT PER USER OR BY ANY OTHER MEASURE, THE COUNTY  
7 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT COMPARES TO THE CITY LIBRARY DEPARTMENT,  
8 L.A. CITY?

9

10 **MARGARET TODD:** SUPERVISOR, I'VE NOT DONE THE ANALYSIS THIS  
11 YEAR. IN THE PAST, WE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN L.A.  
12 PUBLIC. I COULD CERTAINLY...

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LOWER WHAT?

15

16 **MARGARET TODD:** LOWER PER CAPITA INVESTMENT. NOW, WE'RE A  
17 LITTLE HARD TO COMPARE SOMETIMES IN TERMS OF ACTUAL SERVICE  
18 DELIVERED BECAUSE WE HAVE MORE BUILDINGS. THEY HAVE A CENTRAL  
19 LIBRARY. WE DON'T. I HAVE TO BE A LITTLE CAREFUL WHEN I  
20 ANALYZE IT BECAUSE YOU GET A LITTLE BIT OF APPLES TO ORANGES  
21 SOMETIMES. BUT I WOULD BE HAPPY TO SIT DOWN WITH THE CITY  
22 LIBRARIAN AND TRY AND DO THAT COMPARISON.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'VE TRIED TO ANALYZE IT AND WE'VE COME TO  
25 A DIFFERENT CONCLUSION THAN THAT BUT WE-- WE THINK THAT THE



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1 COUNTY SPENDS A LOT MORE PER CAPITA BUT WE MAY NOT KNOW ALL  
2 THE INFORMATION, SO I HAVEN'T MADE A FINAL CONCLUSION ON THAT  
3 BUT I'D LIKE YOU TO, IF YOU CAN, TO MAKE THAT KIND OF APPLES  
4 TO APPLES ANALYSIS. LET ME ASK YOU, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU  
5 WILL BE ABLE, WITH THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT'S PUT IN YOUR  
6 OPERATING BUDGET FOR THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR, DO YOU BELIEVE  
7 YOU WILL SPEND-- OPERATING BUDGET I'M TALKING ABOUT NOW, NOT  
8 CAPITAL, DO YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL SPEND ALL OF THE MONEY, CAN  
9 YOU SPEND ALL OF THE MONEY THAT'S BEEN PUT IN THE PROPOSED  
10 BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE LIBRARY SYSTEM THIS COMING FISCAL  
11 YEAR?

12

13 **MARGARET TODD:** OBVIOUSLY, MY ANSWER WOULD BE IT WOULD BE MY  
14 INTENT TO SPEND EVERY DIME. THE ONLY ISSUE THAT I HAVE A  
15 LITTLE CONCERN ABOUT IS STAFFING. I'VE GOT TO GET PEOPLE HIRED  
16 QUICKLY AND GET THEM UP AND GOING. BUT, IN TERMS OF BOOKS AND  
17 MATERIALS, AUTOMATION, THAT KIND OF THING, NO, THAT MONEY WILL  
18 BE SPENT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT, IN TERMS OF OPERATING, AS A PRACTICAL  
21 MATTER, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL SPEND EVERY DOLLAR? I'M  
22 GOING TO HOLD YOU DO IT, SO...

23

24 **MARGARET TODD:** I KNOW. THAT'S WHY I'M PONDERING.

25





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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** EVERYBODY IN THIS BUILDING, EVERYBODY IN  
2   THIS BUILDING DOES NOT BELIEVE-- NOBODY IN THIS BUILDING  
3   BELIEVES MAYBE THERE'S SOMEBODY-- I SHOULDN'T SAY NOBODY. FEW  
4   BELIEVE THAT YOU'LL BE ABLE TO SPEND ALL THAT'S BEEN  
5   APPROPRIATED IN THE BUDGET FOR OPERATING, JUST LIKE WE DON'T  
6   BELIEVE THE SHERIFF WILL BE ABLE TO SPEND ALL THAT'S BEEN  
7   APPROPRIATED AMONG OTHER DEPARTMENTS...

8

9   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BUT THEY BELIEVE IT WHEN THEY START OVER.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE ALL BELIEVE IT BECAUSE, IF SHE WERE TO  
12   SAY NO, THEN IT WOULD HAVE OTHER CONSEQUENCES. BUT I'M NOT  
13   GOING THERE.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THAT'S THE BIG HINT, OKAY? THAT'S THE BIG  
16   HINT.

17

18   **MARGARET TODD:** I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOUR QUESTION IS.

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20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S NOT WHERE I'M GOING BUT WHERE I AM  
21   GOING IS, IF YOU CAN'T SPEND IT, THEN I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU  
22   WANT TO GO BACK AND TAX PEOPLE FOR SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN'T  
23   EVEN SPEND WHAT WE'VE GIVEN YOU. THAT'S THE PROBLEM. I DON'T  
24   HAVE A PROBLEM WITH EXPANDING. SO MR. ANTONOVICH SPEAKS GOOD  
25   RHETORIC BUT IT'S ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF IN THE BUDGET AND, IF



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1 NOTHING ELSE THAT THIS DISCUSSION HAS ACHIEVED, IF IT GETS MR.  
2 ANTONOVICH TO VOTE FOR A TAX INCREASE, THAT WILL BE A FIRST IN  
3 MY MEMORY ON THIS BOARD AND IT'S WORTH TAKING THE 10 MINUTES  
4 TO DO THAT BUT WE DON'T-- THE IRONY IS THAT WE DON'T NEED IT  
5 THIS YEAR.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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9 **MARGARET TODD:** BUT SUPERVISOR, THE ONLY FINE LINE I JUST WANT  
10 TO CLARIFY IS MY UNDERSTANDING, THE ADDITIONAL MONEY IN THE  
11 PROPOSED BUDGET IS FOR UNINCORPORATED AREAS. THE SPECIAL TAX  
12 COVERS 11 CITIES, SO IT JUST GETS A LITTLE MESSY, I GUESS IS  
13 THE TECHNICAL TERM.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MS. BURKE.

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19 **SUP. BURKE:** I WANT TO GET BACK TO THE LAWNDALDE LIBRARY. ASIDE  
20 FROM THE ADDITIONAL MONEY THAT'S NEEDED FOR CONSTRUCTION, MY  
21 UNDERSTANDING IS THERE'S A DEFICIT IN TERMS OF OPERATING AND  
22 THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK TO THE GENERAL FUND TO APPLY FOR  
23 ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR OPERATING. IS THAT CORRECT?

24

25 **MARGARET TODD:** THAT'S CORRECT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** WHAT AMOUNT IS THAT?

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4 **MARGARET TODD:** YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR, WE DIDN'T BRING OUR...

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6 **SPEAKER:** I'M SORRY, I WASN'T PREPARED FOR THAT. I DON'T HAVE  
7 THAT NUMBER OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT THERE IS A-- YEAH, I'VE BEEN TOLD THAT THERE'S  
10 A DEFICIT IN TERMS OF THE FUNDS FOR OPERATING?

11

12 **MARGARET TODD:** YES, YES. WE WILL BE ADDING ADDITIONAL FULL-  
13 TIME STAFF.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** DO YOU HAVE A LIST OF THE REPAIRS THAT HAVE BEEN  
16 REQUESTED THAT WERE IN YOUR BUDGET IN TERMS OF THE LIBRARIES  
17 OR IN TERMS OF UPGRADING THEM? I THINK WE HAVE THE LIST.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DID YOU WANT TO GO OVER THE  
20 LIST, MS. BURKE?

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** HE DOESN'T HAVE IT RIGHT HERE BUT WE HAVE-- DO YOU  
23 HAVE THE LIST THERE?

24

25 **MARGARET TODD:** I DO NOT, SUPERVISOR.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT I ASSUME THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT WE HAVE A  
3 WHOLE NUMBER OF LIBRARIES THAT NEED TO BE UPGRADED THAT ARE IN  
4 TREMENDOUS NEED OF REPAIR.

5

6 **MARGARET TODD:** THAT IS...

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THE 235 WAS JUST GOING TO BE A DROP IN THE  
9 BUCKET IN TERMS OF THE COST THAT WE HAVE TO EXPEND TO REPAIR  
10 THOSE LIBRARIES.

11

12 **MARGARET TODD:** IT'S ALMOST AN UNDERSTATEMENT TO SAY THAT I  
13 HAVE MANY, MANY LIBRARIES THAT NEED UPGRADING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** I WON'T GO OVER THIS TOO MUCH BUT, YOU KNOW, TO  
16 ME, IT'S REALLY UNFORTUNATE WHEN WE AREN'T WILLING TO SAY THAT  
17 WE WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE LIBRARIES. WHEN YOU  
18 HAVE THE-- WHEN YOU HAVE THE NEED AND YOU HAVE-- AND SOME OF  
19 THEM CLOSING EARLY, THAT'S THE THING THAT'S REALLY  
20 INTERESTING. YOU TALK ABOUT OPERATING, WE'VE CUT BACK THE  
21 HOURS ON OPERATIONS OF LIBRARIES SO THAT, IN MANY COMMUNITIES,  
22 THEY AREN'T OPEN AT HOURS THAT THEY TRADITIONALLY HAVE BEEN  
23 OPEN, AND YOU GO BACK IN THOSE YEARS, THOSE EARLY YEARS,  
24 THAT'S WHEN WE CUT THOSE HOURS. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE IS TO  
25 RESTORE THE HOURS BACK TO WHERE THEY WERE BEFORE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT  
3 THAT...

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME. MR. ANTONOVICH WAS NEXT.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST POINT OUT THAT THE VOTERS APPROVED  
8 THIS TAX IN THE ELECTION AND THE DEBATE IS, IN THAT VOTER  
9 APPROVAL-- YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 50 CENTS RIGHT NOW. THERE HAVE  
10 BEEN CUTBACKS IN LIBRARY HOURS. CHILDREN, STUDENTS ACCESS THE  
11 LIBRARY, IT'S A SAFE AFTER-SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO  
12 LEARN AND TO ENHANCE THEIR EDUCATION AND IT MAKES UP FOR THE  
13 LACK OF LIBRARY SERVICES THAT MANY OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAVE  
14 NOW DISCONTINUED. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN TO  
15 LEARN, THE COMMUNITY TO LEARN, TO ENHANCE THEIR ABILITY, TO  
16 GET PRODUCTIVE JOBS AND BE PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS. AND THE  
17 PROPOSAL BEFORE US WILL HELP WITH THOSE NEEDS THAT HAVE BEEN  
18 SHORTCHANGED IN THE PAST AND ALSO BEGIN TO MEET THOSE FUTURE  
19 NEEDS THAT ARE OCCURRING AS WE SPEAK, SO...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GOT THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION ON THE  
24 BUDGET E-MAILED TO ME. OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS, NOT EVEN  
25 INCLUDING THE INCREASE IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET, WHICH WOULD



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1 SKEW IT CONSIDERABLY, THE LIBRARY'S BUDGET HAS INCREASED 102%,  
2 FROM 47 MILLION IN '95/'96, TO 97 MILLION IN '04/'05. DURING  
3 THAT TIME, THE GENERAL FUND INCREASED 52%. SO THE LIBRARY  
4 BUDGET HAS INCREASED AT TWICE THE RATE OF THE GENERAL FUND AND  
5 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT INCREASED 58%. SO YOU'VE ALMOST  
6 INCREASED AT TWICE THE RATE OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. NOW,  
7 I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOUR LIBRARY HOURS HAVE BEEN-- HOW FAR--  
8 I KNOW THEY WERE CUT BACK AT ONE POINT, I KNOW THEY WERE  
9 RESTORED BUT, FOR THAT KIND OF MONEY, FOR THAT KIND OF A  
10 DOUBLING OF THE BUDGET, ALMOST TWICE THE RATE OF GROWTH IN THE  
11 REST OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND BUDGET, I WOULD IMAGINE WE'D  
12 HAVE SOMETHING TO SHOW FOR IT AND I THINK WE DO HAVE SOMETHING  
13 TO SHOW FOR IT, I THINK WE HAVE A VERY GOOD LIBRARY SYSTEM BUT  
14 THE RHETORIC DOESN'T MATCH THE FACTS AND I'M KIND OF GETTING--  
15 I'M GOING TO CALL IT AS IT IS BECAUSE, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT  
16 STARVING THE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, IT JUST HASN'T BEEN THE CASE  
17 AND I-- I THINK WE NEED TO BE STRAIGHT SHOOTERS ABOUT THIS AND  
18 HONEST ABOUT IT. THIS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN VERY WELL TREATED  
19 AND EVEN WHEN THE C.A.O. HAS MADE PROPOSALS TO CUT YOUR  
20 BUDGET, THIS BOARD HAS LOCK STEP, ALMOST LOCK STEP, COME BACK  
21 AND RESTORED IT AND THEN SOME. THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, IT'S  
22 BEEN AND THEN SOME. SO TO SAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS LAGGING,  
23 IS FALLING BEHIND, IS THIS AND THAT, IT IS-- IT IS BENEFITING  
24 AT TWICE THE RATE OF THE GENERAL FUND-- I MEAN, IT'S GROWING  
25 AT TWICE THE RATE OF THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL





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1 FUND BUDGET, WHICH I THINK IS REMARKABLE. I DON'T THINK  
2 THERE'S ANOTHER DEPARTMENT OF THIS SIZE...

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU BETTER GET OUT AND VISIT YOUR LIBRARY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK THERE'S A LIBRARY THIS SIZE--  
7 A DEPARTMENT THIS SIZE THAT HAS HAD THIS KIND OF GROWTH.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE TO SAY THIS...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, HANG ON!

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE TO SAY THIS. IN 1995, I BELIEVE THAT WAS  
14 THE YEAR MARGARET PUT A SIGN ON THE LIBRARY DOORS THAT WE WERE  
15 CLOSED-- THE LIBRARY WAS CLOSED BECAUSE OF US AND THAT WAS HER  
16 BIG THING, AND THAT'S WHAT THEY WERE DOING, PUTTING SIGNS ON  
17 THE LIBRARIES THAT WE WERE CLOSING THE LIBRARIES AND WHEN WE  
18 CLOSED DOWN SOME OF THOSE HOURS IN '95.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, WE'VE DOUBLED THE LIBRARY BUDGET AND  
21 THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE LIBRARY AND WE'VE GROWN THE  
22 LIBRARY BUDGET AT TWICE THE RATE OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND.  
23 I THINK THAT'S PRETTY GOOD. I DON'T THINK YOU CAN SAY THAT  
24 ABOUT ANY OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THIS SIZE OR BIGGER,  
25 MAYBE NOT EVEN OF SOME OF THE SMALLER DEPARTMENTS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ZEV, YOU GO OUT AND VISIT YOUR LIBRARY AND  
3 LIBRARIANS...

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I VISIT MY LIBRARY ALL THE TIME.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ...AND TALK ABOUT THE HOURS THAT THEY HAD TO  
8 HAVE REDUCTIONS IN AND HOW THE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN HURT BY THAT.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU COULD EVEN COME AND VISIT MY LIBRARIES. THAT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. WELL, THEN, MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO BE  
13 ASKING THE QUESTION, WHERE IS THE MONEY GOING? IF, AFTER ALL  
14 THIS GROWTH IN THE BUDGET, YOU'RE STILL HAVING TROUBLES WITH  
15 YOUR LIBRARIES, MAYBE THERE'S AN ISSUE OF HOW THE MONEY'S  
16 BEEN-- I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE ISSUE. ANYWAYS...

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** YEAH, THEY HAD SIGNS ON THE DOORS OF THE LIBRARIES  
19 WHEN THEY CLOSED THEM DOWN IN '95.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE BEFORE US AN AMENDMENT  
22 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. CAN  
23 WE HAVE CALL THE ROLL ON THAT ITEM?

24



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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. THIS IS THE SUBSTITUTE MOTION TO  
2 REFER IT BACK TO THE C.A.O. AND LIBRARY TO LOWER THE TAX RATE?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IT'S TO CONTINUE THE ITEM.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEFORE BUDGET DELIBERATIONS?

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO BUDGET DELIBERATIONS. TWO WEEKS.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** NO.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

23

24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1     **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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3     **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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5     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

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7     **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL MOVE IT AGAIN.

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9     **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE,  
10    SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE  
11    ROLL?

12

13    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR BURKE?

14

15    **SUP. BURKE:** AYE.

16

17    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

18

19    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

20

21    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

22

23    **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

24

25    **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AYE. THAT ITEM IS PASSED. ALL RIGHT. I  
7 THINK THAT TAKES CARE OF ALL OF THE AGENDA ITEMS BEFORE US. WE  
8 HAVE ABOUT 24 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ADDRESS US UNDER PUBLIC  
9 COMMENT. WE WILL BEGIN WITH BRINGING FOUR PEOPLE UP AT A TIME.  
10 IF I COULD HAVE HARLEY D. RUBENSTEIN, JOE CASTANEDA, PLEASE  
11 JOIN US. ERNESTO GARCIA, SENOR ERNESTO GARCIA AND PATRICIA  
12 MULCAHEY.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I FORGOT TO DO ONE THING WHILE  
15 THEY'RE COMING UP. JUST TO READ IN A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK AND  
16 I WON'T READ THE WHOLE THING. THERE'S A RECENT-- THE SUPREME  
17 COURT RULED-- UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT RULED YESTERDAY ON  
18 THE ISSUE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA. I WANT TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
19 OF SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AND  
20 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO REPORT TO THE  
21 BOARD IN TWO WEEKS ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT  
22 DECISION IN THE GONZALEZ VERSUS RICKE CASE FOR THE  
23 IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSITION 215 IN L.A. COUNTY, AND IT NEED  
24 NOT BE A VERBAL BUT IT CAN BE A WRITTEN REPORT.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS SIMILAR TO  
2    SUPERVISOR KNABE'S...

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4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S SIMILAR BUT IT'S NOT IDENTICAL. IF IT  
5    IS, THEN...

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7    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IS THE TIMEFRAME THE SAME FOR THOSE?

8

9    **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WE CAN COMBINE THEM.

10

11    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE WITH ME.

12

13    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SINCE IT'S A REPORT BACK, WE  
14    WILL COMBINE THEM WITH MR. KNABE'S.

15

16    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THOUGHT HIS WAS MORE ON THE MORATORIUM  
17    ISSUE BUT THAT'S FINE.

18

19    **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I MEAN, BUT-- YEAH, SAME THING, SO WE CAN  
20    JUST TIE THEM TOGETHER.

21

22    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WHO AM I MISSING HERE? MR.  
23    HARLEY RUBENSTEIN.

24

25    **SUP. KNABE:** HARLEY'S DOWN THERE.





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2 SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: NOT HERE.

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4 SUP. KNABE: NO, HE'S RIGHT THERE.

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6 SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR: WHERE? ALL RIGHT. WE COULD GET A  
7 MICROPHONE TO MR. RUBENSTEIN, PLEASE. MISS MULCAHEY, COULD YOU  
8 MOVE ASIDE SO THE GENTLEMAN CAN COME UP? THANK YOU. WE  
9 APPRECIATE IT. SIR, COULD YOU MOVE ASIDE SO HE COULD STEP UP?  
10 THANK YOU.

11

12 HARLEY D. RUBENSTEIN: THANK YOU. OKAY. SUPERVISORS, COUNTY  
13 EMPLOYERS-- EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS, IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY  
14 MISUNDERSTANDING, I WISH TO STATE THE FOLLOWING. WHEN I WAS  
15 BORN ON AUGUST 30TH, 1957, MY MOTHER, WITH A CAPITAL "M"  
16 INTRODUCED ME TO THE WORLD AS HARLEY DAVID RUBENSTEIN. NEITHER  
17 SHE NOR MY FAMILY WERE MEMBERS OF THE HELLS ANGELS. IN FACT,  
18 NEITHER WERE EITHER MOTORCYCLE AFICIONADOS. I WAS NAMED AFTER  
19 HER FAVORITE UNCLE HARRY. IN ADDITION, SHE WANTED ME TO--  
20 WANTED TO IMPROVE THE CHANCES THAT I WOULD BECOME A PHYSICIAN.  
21 THEREFORE, SHE CHOSE THE NAME OF HARLEY AFTER THE FAMOUS  
22 STREET KNOWN IN ENGLAND WHERE NUMEROUS PHYSICIANS PRACTICED. I  
23 AM AN EXTREMELY PRIVATE, INTROVERTED PERSON AND ALSO RETICENT.  
24 I'M USUALLY QUIET, SHY, PENSIVE AND RESERVED, AS I WAS BORN IN  
25 THE ERA WHERE CHILDREN WERE "SEEN BUT NOT HEARD". THEREFORE,



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1 I'M QUITE COMFORTABLE IN THIS MODE AND DO NOT SEEK FAME AND  
2 GEORGE W. BUSH MAKES SURE THAT I DO NOT SEEK FORTUNE, EITHER.  
3 ALTHOUGH I'M A COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE  
4 TO THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES, I REPRESENT MYSELF TODAY. I  
5 WOULD LIKE TO BELIEVE THAT, THROUGH HIS KEEN INSIGHT AND  
6 WISDOM, I WAS APPOINTED TO AND REMAIN ON THE COMMISSION. WHILE  
7 THIS MAY BE TRUE, I REALIZE THAT I AM A TRUE VIRGO. I AM HARD  
8 WORKING AND ANAL RETENTIVE AND, AT TIMES, OVERBEARING AND A  
9 PAIN IN THE REAR END. THUS, I AM-- AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS OF  
10 COMMUNICATING WITH RICHARD ESPINOSA, I'M SURE THAT HE, IN  
11 EXASPERATION, SPOKE WITH DON AND SAID PLEASE MAKE A DECISION  
12 ABOUT MYSELF. I APOLOGIZE FOR MY 16-MONTH ABSENCE, AS I'M SURE  
13 THAT YOU ARE ALL TOO AWARE. EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY CAN BE QUITE  
14 DEMANDING AND IT IS EXTREMELY EASY TO NOT TAKE PROPER CARE OF  
15 YOURSELF. HOWEVER, WITH RENEWED VITALITY, AS [  
16 INDISTINGUISHABLE ] INDICATED THAT I ONCE AGAIN READY TO  
17 ASSUME MY DUTIES ON THE COMMISSION AND I HAVE A RENEWED SENSE  
18 OF ENERGY AND PURPOSE AND I BELIEVE THAT CAROL LAYNE IS  
19 RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING A LOT OF THE COMMISSIONERS ON THE  
20 COMMISSION THE SAME. I BELIEVE, IN PART, WE ON THIS COMMISSION  
21 COULD BE MORE HELPFUL TO YOU. EACH OF YOU HAVE ABOUT TWO  
22 MILLION CONSTITUENTS, MANY OF WHOM COMPOSE THE UNDERSERVED,  
23 PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND THE ELDERLY POPULATION. IT  
24 PERPLEXES MANY OF US ON THE COMMISSION, SINCE MANY OF US HAVE  
25 GONE THROUGH EXTENSIVE REHABILITATION, EITHER BEFORE OR ARE



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1 PERSONALLY GOING THROUGH IT, WHY RANCHO LOS AMIGOS NATIONAL  
2 MEDICAL CENTER IS ONLY ADVOCATED TO BE KEPT OPEN BY SUPERVISOR  
3 KNABE. IT'S A FANTASTIC PLACE AND IT'S UNIQUE AND IT'S A  
4 UNIQUE FACILITY. IT'S LIKE A ONE-STOP SHOPPING PLACE. IT'S  
5 EVERYTHING UNDER ALL ONE ROOF.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. RUBENSTEIN, DO YOU WANT TO FINISH UP,  
8 PLEASE?

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10 **HARLEY D. RUBENSTEIN:** YES. WHILE THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION  
11 VIEWS HOMELAND SECURITY AND TERRORISM AS A PRIORITY, WERE YOU  
12 AWARE THAT ONE NIGHT OF BOMBING IN IRAQ WOULD HAVE KEPT RANCHO  
13 OPEN FOR ONE YEAR?

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** HI...

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE...

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21 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** PATRICIA MULCAHEY...

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23 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** EXCUSE ME, MISS MULCAHEY, I HAVE AN ORDER  
24 HERE. LET ME JUST GO THROUGH IT. MR. CASTANEDA IS NEXT.

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1   **JOE CASTANEDA:** I'D LIKE TO SAY GOOD AFTERNOON TO MISS MOLINA  
2   AND THE OTHER FELLOW BOARD SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOE  
3   CASTANEDA AND I'M A RESIDENT OF HIGHLAND PARK. I HAVE A SON  
4   WHO WAS JUST OVER 20 MONTHS OLD THAT WAS TAKEN FROM HIS  
5   MOTHER'S CUSTODY BECAUSE OF DRUG ABUSE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
6   CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE CUSTODY OF MY  
7   SON BUT, AT THE CURRENT TIME, HE'S BEEN PLACED AS A WARD OF  
8   THE COURT AND I'M HAVING TROUBLE IN DOING THIS. I'M HERE  
9   ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR GUIDANCE IN THIS MATTER  
10   WITH THE HOPE OF BRINGING MY SON HOME TO HIS FATHER. CAN YOU,  
11   MS. MOLINA, PLEASE HELP ME DISCONTINUE MY CHILD'S STATUS AS A  
12   WARD OF THE COURT AND HELP HIM BRING ME HOME WITH HIS FATHER,  
13   TO WHERE HE BELONGS.

14

15   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SURE. HAVE YOU CALLED MY OFFICE BEFORE?

16

17   **JOE CASTANEDA:** NO, I HAVEN'T.

18

19   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER HERE AND YOU  
20   CAN MEET WITH AVIANNA WHO WILL HELP YOU. THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT,  
21   WE HAVE MR. GARCIA. SENOR GARCIA? [ SPEAKING SPANISH ] THANK  
22   YOU VERY MUCH, MR. RUBENSTEIN. WE APPRECIATE IT.

23

24   **ERNESTO GARCIA:** OKAY.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE PROCEED, SENIOR GARCIA.

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3    **INTERPRETER:** I'M ERNESTO GARCIA, PRESIDENT OF ALTA QUAN CLUB,  
4    AMBASSADOR OF THE STATE OF HALISKO, 1492 WEST 151ST STREET IN  
5    COMPTON. SUPERVISOR BURKE, YOU HAVE ALWAYS BEEN HELPFUL TO US,  
6    TO THE LATIN COMMUNITY, AT THE 130TH, 134TH-- 124TH STREET.

7    I'M HERE TODAY TO GIVE YOU OUR SUPPORT OF VOLUNTARY LATINOS.

8    WE HAVE TRAILERS TO PICK UP RUBBISH IN THE CITY, IF YOU WOULD

9    LIKE. I WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS BECAUSE YOU, BEING AFRICAN-

10    AMERICAN, YOU HELP LATINOS. I'VE WORKED WITH A LOT OF AFRICAN-

11    AMERICANS AND THEY HAVE NEVER HELPED US. WE HAVE RACISTS IN

12    THE CITY OF COMPTON. THEY NEVER LET US WORK. WE HAVE A CLUB

13    WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE AND THEY NEVER GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY.

14    THE CITY IS IN NEED OF CLEANING. MARKED UP. BEFORE THEY GIVE

15    US AN OPPORTUNITY TO-- BEFORE THEY GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO

16    SUPPORT US. I WAS WORKING THREE YEARS IN THE CITY OF COMPTON,

17    IN PARKS AND RECREATION. BECAUSE I DIDN'T HELP IN ILLEGAL

18    VOTING ACTIVITY, I DIDN'T HELP THE CURRENT MAYOR, HE DISMISSED

19    ME FROM MY CITY POSITION. TODAY, THE CITY ATTORNEY OF COMPTON

20    IS PRESENT. HE KNOWS ABOUT THE DEFRAUDING OF THE LATINO

21    COMMUNITY. I HAD A MEETING WITH THE MAYOR OF COMPTON AND TWO

22    LATINOS INVITING ME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CITY CORRUPTION. I

23    DIDN'T WANT TO. I HOPE [ INDISTINGUISHABLE] , SUPERVISOR

24    BURKE, AND THAT YOU CONTINUE ASSISTING IN HELPING THE LATINO

25    COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. GARCIA. BEFORE YOU BEGIN,  
3 MISS MULCAHEY, LET ME JUST CALL UP A COUPLE OF PEOPLE. JACKIE  
4 BAKER, FREDERICK BAKER, AND OTIS BENN. MISS MULCAHEY.

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6 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** HI. THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH, FOR  
7 ASSISTING ME FOR TODAY TO BE ON THE AGENDA. BUT TODAY I FIND  
8 MYSELF ON PUBLIC COMMENT. WHAT I'M REQUESTING IS A FEDERAL  
9 INVESTIGATION OF THE D.C.F.S. ON FOSTER CARE SYSTEM IN THE  
10 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I'M REQUESTING A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION  
11 OF SOCIAL WORKERS USING MORE THAN ONE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS,  
12 SOCIAL WORKERS USING DEAD PEOPLE'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS.  
13 I'M REQUESTING AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHY SOME FOSTER CHILDREN  
14 ARE BEING PLACED WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT HAS CRIMINAL RECORDS,  
15 FOSTER CHILDREN THAT ARE BEING PLACED WITH ILLEGAL ALIENS, WHY  
16 THERE ARE MINOR CHILDREN BEING TAKEN FROM THEIR FAMILIES, WHY  
17 THERE ARE MINOR CHILDREN BEING TAKEN FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND  
18 ARE BEING DENIED DUE PROCESS OF LAW AND WHY THERE ARE SOCIAL  
19 WORKERS COMMITTED PERJURY TO TAKE THESE CHILDREN FROM THEIR  
20 FAMILIES. I MET A F.B.I. AGENT. HIS NAME IS KEITH GHOUL. HE  
21 LOOKED AT SOME OF THE DISCOVERY DETAIL I HAD ON SOCIAL  
22 WORKERS. HE LOOKED AT THE DETAIL AND HE INFORMED ME THAT THEY  
23 COMMITTED SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD, THAT SOCIAL SECURITY WELFARE  
24 FRAUD-- SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD, SOCIAL SECURITY FRAUD AND  
25 POSSIBLE EMBEZZLEMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS. I HAD TO MEET WITH THE





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1    AUDIT MANAGER SEPTEMBER THE 4TH. HIS NAME IS THOMAS LEEHAN. HE  
2    WAS AUDIT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES. WHAT  
3    HAPPENED TO OUR FAMILY WAS HORRENDOUS. WE HAD SOCIAL WORKERS  
4    COMMIT PERJURY TO TAKE OUR KIDS. THEY HAVE TRIED TO PORTRAY ME  
5    AS MENTALLY ILL. THEY HAVE TRIED TO PORTRAY ME AS MENTALLY  
6    RETARDED, WHICH I AM NEITHER OF THOSE. MY DAUGHTER WAS PLACED  
7    WITH A ILLEGAL ALIEN. HE PROCEEDED IN SEXUALLY ABUSING HER,  
8    WHICH WAS 288 AND 288.5. HE ENDED UP DOING THAT FOR A YEAR AND  
9    A HALF TO TWO YEARS. I HAD SOCIAL WORKERS COVERING UP ABUSE OF  
10   MY AUTISTIC SON NAMED LUKE MULCAHEY. THE ABUSE WAS SO BAD THAT  
11   THE SECRETARY OF STEVE COOLEY LOOKED AT A PICTURE OF MY SON,  
12   LUKE, AND SHE INFORMED ME IT WAS CHILD ABUSE. OH, YEAH, I HAD  
13   SOCIAL WORKERS COVERING UP THE ABUSE. I WANT TO KNOW WHY THERE  
14   ARE CHILDREN BEING PLACED WITH CRIMINALS AND WHY THERE ARE  
15   CHILDREN BEING PLACED WITH ILLEGAL ALIENS. MY DAUGHTER, THE  
16   ABUSE STARTED WHEN SHE WAS 9-1/2, WENT ON UNTIL SHE WAS 12.  
17   SHE TOLD ME, "MOTHER, SOMETIMES I WISH I WAS NOT EVEN ALIVE."  
18   IT'S, LIKE, "WHY ARE YOU SAYING THIS, RAYMOND? WHAT'S GOING  
19   ON?" SHE SAID, "IF I WAS DEAD, MOTHER, I COULDN'T BE USED BY  
20   THE SOCIAL WORKERS, I COULDN'T BE USED BY THE FOSTER PARENTS."  
21   I FOUND OUT THAT THIS MAN SEXUALLY ABUSED HER FOR A YEAR AND A  
22   HALF TO TWO YEARS. MY PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR SAID THE MAN DID  
23   NOT EXIST. TURNS OUT HE WAS A ILLEGAL ALIEN. I'M HERE  
24   REQUESTING TO HAVE SOMEONE TRY TO HELP ME TO GET MY KIDS BACK



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1 FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO OUR  
2 FAMILY IS WRONG.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MRS. MULCAHEY.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE APARTMENT IS DOING AN INVESTIGATION.  
7 DR. SANDERS IS INVESTIGATING.

8

9 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** I HAVE PAPERWORK FOR YOU IN REGARDS TO  
10 SOCIAL WORKERS USING MORE THAN ONE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. I'M  
11 GOING TO LEAVE THAT TODAY.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GIVE IT TO THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU, MRS. MULCAHEY. NEXT  
16 WE HAVE JACKIE BAKER. MISS BAKER. COULD YOU ALLOW MISS BAKER  
17 TO COME TO THE MICROPHONE, MISS MULCAHEY?

18

19 **JACKIE BAKER:** I'LL GO AHEAD AND LET MR. BAKER TAKE MY TIME.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. MR. BAKER?

22

23 **FREDERICK BAKER:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FRED  
24 BAKER. I'M A FORMER VIETNAM VETERAN, DISABLED, I HAVE A PURPLE  
25 HEART. I HAVE A MEDICAL COMBAT BADGE AND I HAVE A LOT OF OTHER



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1 AWARDS. I'M A DISABLED VETERAN. I DO BELIEVE IN ONE NATION  
2 UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. I'M  
3 ALSO A FORMER L.A. COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER AND A FOSTER CARE  
4 PROVIDER. I WANT TO SAY TO THE SUPERVISORS AND TAXPAYERS OF  
5 THIS STATE AND COUNTRY, IT HAS BEEN ALMOST NINE YEARS SINCE  
6 LOS ANGELES COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  
7 RETALIATED AGAINST ME FOR SPEAKING OUT AGAINST THEM FOR  
8 NEEDLESSLY BREAKING UP FAMILIES AND BRINGING IN VAST AMOUNTS  
9 OF CHILDREN INTO THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM SIMPLY TO OBTAIN THE  
10 FEDERAL FUNDING THAT COMES ALONG WITH THESE CHILDREN, CLOSING  
11 DOWN GROUP HOMES OF FOSTER CARE PROGRAMS WITHOUT FOLLOWING  
12 FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATED LAWS PASSED BY THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
13 LEGISLATURE AND THE U.S. CONGRESS REQUIRING DUE PROCESS FOR  
14 FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT THE  
15 STATE OF CALIFORNIA BY CREATING AMBIGUOUS AND BAD FAITH  
16 CONTRACTS IN VIOLATIONS OF THESE LAWS AND SIMPLY USING  
17 SOMETHING THEY CALLED DO NOT USE OR DO NOT REFER AGAINST  
18 PROVIDERS TO AVOID THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF THESE LAWS THAT  
19 ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO DISCRIMINATE, RETALIATE AND DESTROY  
20 ANYONE THAT QUESTIONED THEIR ILLEGAL ACTIVITY-- ACTIVITIES,  
21 REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE TRUTH MAY BE. AFTER SPEAKING OUT  
22 AGAINST THE ACTIVITIES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF  
23 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, THE COUNTY CONDUCTED A FALSE AND  
24 MISLEADING AUDIT ON A GROUP HOME, FRED'S GROUP HOME, AND, AS A  
25 RESULT OF THIS AUDIT, THE COUNTY SUED ME FOR MISAPPROPRIATION



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1 OF COUNTY FUNDS, BREACH OF CONTRACT AND OTHER FALSE  
2 ALLEGATIONS. THE COUNTY LOST THE JURY PORTION OF THIS LAWSUIT.  
3 THE JURY AWARDED MY WIFE AND I 500,000 OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY  
4 AFTER THE COUNTY SPENT, AT THIS POINT IN TIME, OVER ONE  
5 MILLION OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY ON A AUDIT THAT WAS NOT SIGNED BY  
6 ANYONE. KEITH BRANT, THE COUNTY AUDITOR FROM FRED'S GROUP  
7 HOME, CONDUCTED THE AUDIT. KEITH BROWN TESTIFIED UNDER OATH TO  
8 THE FOLLOWING. HE RAN REVENUE REPORT SHOWING THE COUNTY HAD  
9 SENT OUR PROGRAM, BETWEEN JANUARY OF '95 THROUGH JUNE '95,  
10 \$859,000. WITHIN THE FOLDER I WILL GIVE TO EACH SUPERVISOR,  
11 THE RECORD WILL SHOW HE SENT-- THE COUNTY SENT OUR PROGRAM  
12 \$696,000 DURING THIS TIME. IT WAS LITERALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE  
13 MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS THAT WERE NEVER SENT TO OUR PROGRAM IN  
14 THE FIRST PLACE. COUNTY AUDITOR KEITH BROWN CALLED HIS AUDIT  
15 UNPRECEDENTED AND THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO DO IT AND THAT THE  
16 AUDIT WAS NOT SIGNED. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS  
17 MADE IN THE AUDIT REPORT, MS. BURKE, AS TO MISAPPROPRIATION  
18 WAS NOT MADE BY HIM BUT BY SENIOR MANAGEMENT IN THE D.C.F.S.  
19 KEITH BROWN, THE COUNTY'S AUDITOR...

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, PLEASE? MR.  
22 BAKER, DO YOU WANT TO SUMMARIZE, PLEASE?

23

24 **FREDERICK BAKER:** MISS-- MA'AM, IT'S BEEN NINE YEARS. THE  
25 COUNTY HAS SPENT OVER A MILLION DOLLARS OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY TO



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1 SILENCE ME. THE REASON THAT YOU HAVE FOSTER KIDS CASH COW BY  
2 THE DAILY NEWS MUST BE COSTING ME AND MUCH MORE IS COMING. I'M  
3 ASKING-- SHE GAVE ME HER TIME AND I HAVE TIME...

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I STILL NEED YOU TO SUMMARIZE, PLEASE.

6

7 **FREDERICK BAKER:** I AM TRYING TO SUMMARIZE, PLEASE. I DO NOT  
8 WANT TO BE SILENCED ANY LONGER. I SPILLED BLOOD...

9

10 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO GIVE HIM TWO AND A HALF MINUTES OF MY  
11 TIME AS WELL.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO, YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

14

15 **FREDERICK BAKER:** I'VE SPILLED BLOOD FOR THIS COUNTRY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY, IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.

18

19 **FREDERICK BAKER:** OKAY. FOLLOWING THE DIVERSION OF FUNDS, THUS  
20 KEITH BROWN WROTE A LETTER TO INTERNAL REVENUE TO TELL ABOUT  
21 HIS UNSIGNED FALSE REPORT, THAT THIS UNSIGNED AUDIT WAS  
22 REPORTED TO THE D.C.F. BY FORMER DIRECT, MR. PETER...

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. BAKER, DO YOU WANT TO PASS OUT-- WE'LL  
25 GET YOUR INFORMATION. WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **FREDERICK BAKER:** OKAY. ONCE AGAIN, I'M BEING SILENCED, AND I  
3 WANT TO STATE FOR THE RECORD, BECAUSE I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE  
4 EACH BOARD MEMBER WHERE KIDS WERE MOLESTED BY THE...

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. BAKER.  
7 NEXT, WE HAVE MR. BENN FOLLOWED BY LILLIAN BENN AND IF I COULD  
8 ASK AARD ATHEIAN AND ROYCE ESTERS TO JOIN US.

9

10 **OTIS BENN:** YES. MY NAME IS OTIS BENN. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND  
11 CO-FOUNDER OF FOSTER ANGELICA GROUP HOME AND FOSTER FAMILY  
12 AGENCY. I'M HERE TODAY BEFORE THE BOARD BY THE SUGGESTION OF  
13 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL. WE'RE HERE TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES. HE SAID  
14 TO GO BEFORE THE BOARD. THE NEXT PROCEDURE, THE GRAND JURY,  
15 AND THEN COME BACK TO THEM. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK YOU,  
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR YOUR RESPONSE IN OUR INVESTIGATION WE  
17 REQUESTED. IT WAS UNEQUAL TREATMENT AND ILLEGAL AUDIT  
18 INVESTIGATION WE REQUESTED. AND, OUT OF THE FIVE SUPERVISORS,  
19 YOU WAS THE ONLY ONE RESPONDED BACK TO US AND I WANT TO THANK  
20 YOU. EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN IN THE BUSINESS IN FOSTER CARE FOR  
21 OVER 20 YEARS, WE'VE BEEN AFFILIATED WITH FOSTER CARE FOR OVER  
22 40 YEARS AND WE'RE IN MIKE ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT ALL THIS TIME  
23 AND NO RESPONSE. JUST IN CASE THE SUPERVISORS DIDN'T GET THE  
24 INVESTIGATION REQUEST, I HAVE COPIES FOR EACH ONE OF YOU. AND  
25 I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW YOUR RESPONSE TO THE INVESTIGATION. I





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1 HEARD YOU MENTION EARLIER THAT A SPEEDY INVESTIGATION, I'VE  
2 HEARD YOU SPEAK ON-- ONCE BEFORE, YOU SPOKE TO YOUR ATTORNEYS,  
3 YOU TOLD THEM TO STOP LYING AND, IF THE COUNTY DID ANYTHING  
4 WRONG, TO OWN UP TO IT AND PAY THE SETTLEMENT AND MOVE ON TO  
5 THE NEXT CASE, WHICH THEY DIDN'T FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS, THEY  
6 STILL LYING. YOU MENTIONED ABOUT HONESTY TODAY, IF THEY DON'T  
7 TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT, THEY SEE SOME DISHONESTY THERE, SO I  
8 WOULD JUST LIKE TO KNOW, WILL WE GET A FOLLOW-UP ON THE  
9 INVESTIGATION? AND WHY I COULDN'T GIVE MY TIME TO THE BAKERS,  
10 TO MR. BAKER.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** BECAUSE WE DON'T DO IT THAT WAY. YOU HAVE  
13 THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK AND YOU CAN ADDRESS YOUR ISSUES.

14

15 **OTIS BENN:** YOU CAN'T GIVE THE TIME TO OTHER PEOPLE?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NO.

18

19 **OTIS BENN:** WELL, I'VE SEEN IT DONE TIME AND TIME.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR, JUST ADDRESS YOUR ISSUES. YOU HAVE  
22 THREE MINUTES UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT.

23

24 **OTIS BENN:** OKAY. WELL, CAN I ASK YOU, ARE WE GOING TO GET A  
25 RESPONSE FROM YOU OR THE OTHER SUPERVISORS?



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2 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** YOU WRITE ME A LETTER. I WILL RESPOND TO  
3 YOU, SIR.

4

5 **OTIS BENN:** WE SENT FAXES AND E-MAILS AND YOU DIDN'T RESPOND  
6 BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF MICHAEL ANTONOVICH...

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** AGAIN, IT'S UP TO THEM. I GAVE YOU A  
9 RESPONSE, SIR.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** UP TO WHO?

12

13 **OTIS BENN:** I'M ASKING MICHAEL ANTONOVICH...

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WILL-- LET ME TALK TO OUR DEPUTY, DANA...

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR, THIS IS PUBLIC TESTIMONY, SO PLEASE  
18 CONTINUE. YOU HAVE FOUR MINUTES LEFT.

19

20 **OTIS BENN:** WELL, I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO SAY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. MISS BENN.

23

24 **LILLIAN BENN:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR SEEING ME. I  
25 REMEMBER SUPERVISOR BURKE WHEN I WENT TO SEE RONALD REAGAN IN



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1 THE EARLY '70S TO GAIN MORE MONEY FOR HEAD START. I WAS A  
2 PUBLIC VOLUNTEER FOR MANY YEARS BEFORE I WAS IN THE BUSINESS.  
3 MY MOTHER HAS BEEN IN FOSTER CARE FOR OVER 50 YEARS. SHE'S  
4 BEEN HONORED AS FOSTER PARENT OF THE YEAR FOR MANY YEARS. I  
5 WORKED WITH HER, I HELPED HER WRITE PROGRAMS AS A YOUTH AND I  
6 WAS RAISED WITH THE CHILDREN THAT ARE STILL IN OUR FAMILY. WE  
7 TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN THE WORK WE DO. WE DID GREAT WORK WITH OUR  
8 CHILDREN. MANY OF THE KIDS ARE STILL CALLING ON US. WE'RE  
9 GOING TO THE GRADUATIONS OF SOME 10 YEARS LATER. THEY JUST  
10 WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT THEY FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL. THEY HAD  
11 EXTREME PROBLEMS BUT THEY'RE STILL STRIVING TO DO THE THINGS  
12 THAT WE TAUGHT THEM. I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE THE BOARD OF  
13 SUPERVISORS IS AWARE OF OUR COMPLAINT. I'M REALLY NOT HERE TO  
14 AIR SO MUCH OF IT INTO THE PUBLIC BUT I MIGHT BE FORCED TO  
15 COME BACK IF NOTHING IS DONE. OUR GROUP HOMES WERE IN  
16 IMMACULATE CONDITION UP UNTIL 1987, WE HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH  
17 THE COUNTY OR WE WOULD HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO EXPAND. WE HAD NO  
18 PROBLEMS WITH THE STATE. WE HAD LETTERS FROM THE STATE SAYING  
19 TO PLACE WITH ANGELICA. FRANCESCA CAME IN. SHE SEEMED TO  
20 DISAGREE WITH MY SON AND THE PROBLEMS BEGAN TO GROW. AS THE  
21 PROBLEMS BEGAN TO GROW, SHE WENT INTO A FINANCIAL AUDIT THAT  
22 WAS NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE AND SHE MADE US BRING THE  
23 DOCUMENTS TO THE LA VERNE HOME, LEAVE THE HOUSE SO SHE COULD  
24 PICK THROUGH AND TAKE WHATEVER SHE WANTED AND SHE CAME OUT  
25 SAYING THAT WE OWED OVER \$900,000. HER AUDIT WAS SO FAR AWAY



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1 FROM WHAT THE STATE WAS ASKING THAT WE HAD TO CALL THE STATE  
2 IN TO COME AND AUDIT. THE STATE AUDIT, THERE WERE DOCUMENTS  
3 MISSING, THEY HAD QUESTIONS. WE HAD TO GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL  
4 SUPPLIER AND SUPPLY THE DOCUMENTATION. IT WAS FOUND WE OWE NO  
5 MONEY. WE OWE NO MONEY. WE PASSED ALL OF OUR GROUP HOME-- OUR  
6 PLAN OF CORRECTION FOR THE GROUP HOME WAS ACCEPTED. OUR FIVE  
7 AGENCY PROGRAM AUDITS WERE A HUNDRED PERCENT. THEY WERE LIED  
8 ON BY JEAN GILDEN, TO THE DIRECTOR TO KEEP US ON. DID NOT  
9 REFER FOR FOUR YEARS AND 10 MONTHS. OUR FAMILY STRUGGLED,  
10 BORROWED ON OUR PROPERTIES. LIENS FELL ON US AND NOW WE'VE  
11 LOST EVERYTHING WE OWN. WE HAVE NO HOME, WE LIVE WITH SOMEONE  
12 ELSE. WE HAVE NO CAR. WE HAD 12 PROPERTIES. WE'VE LOST A 6-  
13 MILLION-DOLLAR A YEAR BUSINESS. WE'VE NEVER HAD OUR TIME TO  
14 HAVE A FAIR HEARING. WE'VE NEVER HAD ANYTHING HEARD FROM THE  
15 INVESTIGATION. I COMPLAINED ABOUT JEAN GILDEN. JEAN GILDEN  
16 HERSELF ANSWERED THE INVESTIGATION, THE SAME CORRUPT PEOPLE  
17 THAT ARE DOING IT ARE RETURNING THE ANSWERS, SO I'M AFRAID  
18 WITH THIS INVESTIGATION THAT IT MIGHT FALL ON SOME OTHER  
19 UNCLEAR HANDS. ALL I'M ASKING FOR IS THE COUNTY TO EITHER  
20 SETTLE WITH US OR WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO APPEAL THIS AND TAKE  
21 IT TO THE FEDS, WHERE IT BELONGS. WE HAVE TRIED TO REMAIN  
22 SILENT, SEND LETTERS, GO THROUGH THE FORMALITIES OF YOUR  
23 INVESTIGATIONS AND WE'RE STILL HERE TO PLEAD OUR CASE ONE LAST  
24 TIME. PLEASE CONSIDER WHAT WE'VE SENT TO YOU, INVESTIGATE IT.  
25 WE'D LIKE TO SETTLE THE MATTER AND MOVE ON WITH OUR LIFE AND



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1 ANGELICA WOULD LIKE TO BE MADE WHOLE AND BE RESTORED AND WORK  
2 AGAIN AND CARRY ON WHAT MY MOTHER HAS DONE FOR 50 YEARS. SHE  
3 DIED IN SHAME LAST YEAR. GOD HELP US. THANK YOU. GOOD-BYE.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. ATHEIAN.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** WAS ANGELICA IN THE SECOND DISTRICT?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS BENN?

10

11 **LILLIAN BENN:** IT WAS MR. ANTONOVICH.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE:** OH.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. ATHEIAN.

18

19 **AARD ATHEIAN:** THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING ME, MRS. GLORIA MOLINA  
20 AND THE REST OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN  
21 IMPRESSED WITH THIS BOARD AND WITH THIS EXERCISE THAT I'M  
22 DOING HERE. IT IS ONE OF THE RARE OCCASIONS WHERE A CITIZEN OF  
23 OURS IN THIS COUNTRY FEEL THAT THIS GOVERNMENT IS, AFTER ALL,  
24 A DEMOCRACY. I DARESAY THAT THE INSTITUTIONS THAT OUR  
25 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYS, THE BUREAUCRACIES THAT OUR GOVERNMENT



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1 EMPLOYS, THE JUDICIARY THAT IS THE MOST POWERFUL AND  
2 DOMINEERING BRANCH OF OUR GOVERNMENT DOES NOT REPRESENT  
3 DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, DOES NOT REPRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL  
4 GOVERNMENT. YOU'VE HEARD ALL OF THOSE BEFORE ME SPEAK ABOUT  
5 FAMILY COURTS AND FAMILY SERVICES THAT ARE DOING MUCH MORE  
6 HARM THAN WHAT THEY ARE PAID TO DO AND LITTLE GOOD. I HAVE  
7 THREE REQUESTS FROM THIS BOARD TODAY. I HOPE THAT I'LL BE ABLE  
8 TO COMPLETE MY PRESENTATION ABOUT THOSE THREE REQUESTS. I WILL  
9 FIRST RECITE THEM, ENUMERATE THEM. I WILL ELABORATE LATER. I  
10 SEE MY TIME IS APPROACHING FAST. MY FIRST REQUEST IS THAT  
11 THERE ALSO BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THIS BOARD, FOR THIS MEETING,  
12 TO HAVE AN ATHIAN INVOCATION. AN ATHIAN INVOCATION IS BY THOSE  
13 WHO HAVE NO DEISTIC VIEW OF THE WORLD. THEIR WORLD VIEW IS  
14 NATURALISTIC. OTHERS UNFAIRLY CALL US ATHEISTS. WE CALL  
15 OURSELVES ATHIANS BECAUSE WE REFUSE TO CALL CHRISTIANS  
16 CHRISTIST OR MUSLIMS MUHAMMADISTS. WE ASK THE SAME FAIRNESS  
17 GIVEN TO YOU. WE ASK THAT THIS BOARD THAT IS OUR PUBLIC STAGE  
18 AND THIS COMMUNITY THAT IS ONE-THIRD ATHIAN, ONE-THIRD OF THAT  
19 ONE-THIRD DECLARED ATHIAN IN NUMBERS FAR EXCEEDING AND OTHER  
20 RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION, YET WE DON'T HAVE A PART, A PLACE ON  
21 THIS BOARD TO GIVE OUR INVOCATIONS TO THE MEMBERS OF THIS  
22 GOVERNMENT AND THIS PUBLIC. I ASK THIS BOARD TO ALLOW US TO  
23 HAVE AN ATHIAN INVOCATOR HERE EVERY OTHER MONTH IN PROPORTION  
24 TO A TENTH OF THE POPULATION ARE DECLARED ATHIANS IN THE  
25 UNITED STATES ARE 15%, YET THERE'S NOTHING IN PUBLIC, NO PLACE





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1 FOR THEM AND WE'D LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN SAYING THAT WE ARE  
2 HERE, WE ARE PART OF THE CREATOR, WE'RE NOT INVISIBLE, WE'RE  
3 NOT SUPPOSED TO GET LOST, WE ARE ONE OF THE-- PART OF THE BEST  
4 CITIZENS IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT IS REPRESENTED BY THIS BOARD.  
5 MY SECOND REQUEST IS TO ASK MY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TO ALLOW  
6 ME A PRAISE-- A PLACE ON THE COMMISSION ON THE CHILD SUPPORT  
7 SERVICES. I HAVE SEEN THEM. IT'S MOSTLY THE OPPOSITION TO  
8 FATHERS AND HUSBANDS. FATHERS AND HUSBANDS ARE NOT REPRESENTED  
9 THERE...

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **AARD ATHEIAN:** OUT OF 15, THERE'S ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE  
14 THERE.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. ATHEIAN. MR. ESTERS.

17

18 **ROYCE ESTERS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROYCE ESTERS, I'M THE  
19 PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR EQUAL JUSTICE, AN  
20 AMERICA NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP, AND I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M  
21 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS  
22 VIOLATIONS IN THE COUNTY. NOT ONLY THAT, WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT  
23 IT BEING A NATIONAL PROBLEM ALL OVER IN THE FOSTER CARE. WE'RE  
24 PLANNING ON GIVING A TOWN HALL MEETING AND I WOULD LIKE TO GET  
25 MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. MY PAST



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1 BACKGROUND, I WAS A CRIME COMMISSIONER, CITY OF COMPTON, AND I  
2 WAS SPECIALIST IN ORGANIZED CRIME AND I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT  
3 IT BECAUSE A LOT OF THESE KIDS GO INTO THE PRISON SYSTEM,  
4 COSTING PEOPLE A LOT OF MONEY. THE PLANTATION SYSTEM OF  
5 AMERICA, AS YOU KNOW, CONSISTS OF UNEMPLOYMENT, WELFARE,  
6 COMMITTING ECONOMIC CRIME AND, IN THE PRISON SYSTEM, WOULD  
7 COST US A LOT OF MONEY. I WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INFORMATION  
8 ON HOW THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM WORKS AND NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS ON  
9 HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND THAT'S WHY I'M  
10 HERE AS A NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS PERSON AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
11 FIND OUT MORE ABOUT IT. MAYBE WE CAN ALL STRAIGHTEN THIS  
12 PROBLEM OUT IN A WAY THAT COULD BE A-- I THINK ALL OF US NEED  
13 TO BE SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE TO OUR COMMUNITIES AND ANYONE WHO  
14 WANTS TO SEND ME SOME INFORMATION AT P.O. BOX 663, COMPTON,  
15 CALIFORNIA, 90223, I'D APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE THIS IS A PROBLEM  
16 THAT'S NOT GOING TO GO AWAY AND NOW YOU'VE GOT A CIVIL RIGHTS  
17 GROUP INVOLVED IN IT. THANKS A LOT. [ SCATTERED APPLAUSE ]

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE LEGRAND CLEGG II,  
20 PLEASE JOIN US. KARLOITA NELSON, OMEGA SHEPHERD AND NZINGA  
21 HERU. PLEASE JOIN US. PLEASE PROCEED.

22

23 **LEGRAND CLEGG, II:** GIVE ME A SECOND. I'VE GOT HANDOUTS.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.



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2 **LEGRAND CLEGG, II:** OKAY. GOOD AFTERNOON. FIRST OF ALL, I WAS

3 MENTIONED EARLIER BY ERNESTO GARCIA, THE GENTLEMAN FROM

4 COMPTON AND I MUST SAY VERY QUICKLY-- THIS IS NOT WHY I CAME

5 UP BUT HE'S KNOWN IN OUR COMMUNITY FOR RECKLESS BESMIRCHMENTS

6 OF THE CHARACTER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IN COMPTON. WE'RE

7 WORKING VERY HARD TO HEAL THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN BLACKS AND

8 LATINOS, SO I RESENT HIS COMMENTS AND IT'S MOST UNFORTUNATE

9 THAT HE MADE THOSE COMMENTS. IN ANY CASE, I'D LIKE TO PROCEED

10 WITH THE REASONS WHY I'M HERE. I AM THE SPOKESPERSON FOR A

11 NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT

12 THE KING TUT EXHIBIT. DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 8TH, 2005, THE

13 NATIONAL MEDIA REPORTED THAT THREE GROUPS OF RESEARCHERS HAD

14 RECONSTRUCTED THE MUMMIFIED HEAD OF KING TUTANKHAMEN, THE

15 ANCIENT EGYPTIAN PHARAOH WHOSE TREASURES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE

16 ON EXHIBIT AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART FROM JUNE

17 16TH THROUGH NOVEMBER 15TH, 2005. PUBLISHED RECONSTRUCTIONS OF

18 KING TUT'S HEAD DEPICT HIM AS A 19-YEAR-OLD WHITE YOUTH AND

19 THE PHARAOH HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "A CAUCASOID NORTH AFRICAN".

20 THREE BUSTS OF THIS DESCRIPTION ARE SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY THE

21 EXHIBIT AS IT TOURS THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE

22 WHATSOEVER THAT KING TUT WAS WHITE. EGYPT IS ON THE CONTINENT

23 OF AFRICA. THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS BLACK

24 PEOPLE. THE BIBLE DESCRIBES ANCIENT EGYPTIANS AS DESCENDANTS

25 OF HAMM, THE PATRIARCH OF THE BLACK RACE. MOREOVER, ANCIENT



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1 GREEK AND ROMANITE WITNESSES RECORDED THAT THEIR EGYPTIAN  
2 CONTEMPORARIES WERE BLACK AFRICANS. KING TUT WAS BORN INTO THE  
3 18TH DYNASTY OF ANCIENT EGYPT. WILLIAM M. FLANDERS PETRIE, THE  
4 FATHER OF MODERN EGYPTOLOGY, HAS WRITTEN THAT THIS DYNASTY IN  
5 PARTICULAR WAS OF BLACK ORIGIN. SEVERAL AUTHORITIES HAVE  
6 DESCRIBED KING AMANHOTIV III, THE GRANDFATHER OF KING TUT, AS  
7 BLACK, THEY INCLUDE JOHN WILKINSON, GERALD MASSEY, GEORGE  
8 RAULINSON AND J. A. ROGERS. KING TUT'S GRANDMOTHER, QUEEN TI,  
9 WHO WAS ON THE COVER OF THE SUPPLEMENT THAT I HANDED OUT TO  
10 YOU, HAS ALSO BEEN DESCRIBED AS BLACK BY EMINENT AUTHORITIES.  
11 THEY INCLUDE ALEXANDER VON WOTHERNOT, IVAN VAN SERTEMA,  
12 CHRISTIAN DES ROCHES NOBLECOURT AND W.E.B. DEBOIS. IGNATEN,  
13 THE FATHER OF KING TUT AND THE PHARAOH WHO ORIGINATED THE  
14 CONCEPT OF MONOTHEISM WAS UNEQUIVOCALLY BLACK. EDWARD WINTE,  
15 WILLIAM AUSBORN, AND J. A: ROGERS ARE AMONG THE SCHOLARS WHO  
16 HOLD THIS POINT OF VIEW. OF KING TUT HIMSELF, ALEXANDER VON  
17 WOTHERNOT HAS WRITTEN, "THE FEATURES OF THIS EGYPTIAN KING,  
18 WHOSE MOTHER WAS OF PURE BLACK STOCK, ARE ALMOST AS NEGROID AS  
19 THE ONES OF HIS CAPTURED NUBIAN ENEMIES." THE TREASURES OF  
20 KING TUTANKHAMEN ARE INVALUABLE RELICS FROM THE ANCIENT  
21 AFRICAN PAST. THEY SHOULD NOT BE DISTORTED BY VALUE JUDGMENTS  
22 OF MODERN SCIENTISTS SEEKING TO SECOND GUESS THE ARTISTS OF  
23 ANTIQUITY. IN LIGHT OF THIS, WE ARE APPEALING TO YOU, THE  
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TO DISALLOW INCLUSION OF THE PROPOSED



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1 MODERN BUSTS. NOW, SINCE I HAVE 15 SECONDS... [ SCATTERED  
2 APPLAUSE ]

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4 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** PLEASE. THERE'S NO APPLAUSE.

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6 **LEGRAND CLEGG, II:** THIS IS THE MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER OF KING  
7 TUT. NO EGYPTOLOGIST IN THE WORLD WOULD DENY THAT. THE ONLY  
8 REASON YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT IS BECAUSE THEY SUPPRESS  
9 INFORMATION LIKE THIS TO CARRY ON THE FALLACY THAT BLACK  
10 PEOPLE HAVE NO HISTORY. IF YOU OPEN UP YOUR SUPPLEMENT, YOU'LL  
11 SEE THERE'S KING TUT WITH THE NEGROID FEATURES OF THE COVER OF  
12 SARCOPHAGUS. HIS FATHER THE NEXT PAGE, KING AMAN HOTEP, III,  
13 CLEARLY NEGROID. ALL OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN AT THE  
14 BACK OF THE BUS IN AMERICA. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT, WE HAVE MISS NELSON.

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18 **KARLOITA NELSON:** REPARATIONS IN MEMORY OF OUR ANCESTORS. I  
19 HAVE RAISED TWO SONS FROM GRADE SCHOOL AND HAVE TOLD THEM THE  
20 TRUTH. THEY DID NOT COME OVER HERE ON THE MAYFLOWER. OF COURSE  
21 KING TUT WAS BLACK. HE WAS BORN IN ANCIENT EGYPT DURING A TIME  
22 WHEN BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE STILL DOMINATED AND CONTROLLED  
23 NORTH AFRICA. THE PROBLEM IS THAT AMERICANS DO NOT RESPECT  
24 AFRICA UNTIL THESE CHANGES OF ATTITUDE OF THE SCIENTISTS AND  
25 SCHOLARS THAT SAY THERE IS NOTHING GOOD THAT EVER COMES FROM



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1 AFRICA. IT'S THE SAME OLD STORY ABOUT CORRUPTION, POVERTY, WAR  
2 AND DISEASE. IN YEARS OF READING THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, I  
3 DON'T THINK I'VE EVER READ ONE POSITIVE ARTICLE ABOUT AFRICA.  
4 IF THEY DISCUSS WARS, THEY TELL HOW THE EX-COLONIAL POWERS ARM  
5 RIVAL GROUPS. IF THEY ARE GOING TO DISCUSS A.I.D.S., WHY DON'T  
6 THEY REVEAL THE STORY OF THE SCIENTISTS WHOSE VACCINE  
7 COMPANIES IN AFRICA WENT AWRY AND APPEARED TO HAVE TRIGGERED  
8 THE A.I.D.S. VIRUS. WHEN EUROPEANS WERE IN CAVES AND THE REST  
9 OF THE WORLD WAS PROSPERING, AFRICANS CREATED GREAT EMPIRES  
10 AND ULTIMATELY CIVILIZED GREECE AND WESTERN ASIA. THAT'S WHY  
11 ALL OF THE GREEK SCIENTISTS AND PHILOSOPHERS WENT TO EGYPT TO  
12 LEARN. THEY SAT AT THE FOOT OF THE AFRICAN MASTER TEACHERS AND  
13 DESCRIBE THEIR TEACHERS AS BLACK. ZABI HAWAS AND THE OTHER  
14 EGYPTOLOGISTS ARE AFRAID THAT IF THE WORLD KNOWS THAT KING TUT  
15 WAS BLACK THEN, BY EXTENSION, THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WERE BLACK  
16 AFRICANS, NOT ARABS. HE HAS A VESTED INTEREST IN THIS COVER-  
17 UP. LET ME MAKE MYSELF CLEAR. I AM A TAXPAYER AND I DON'T WANT  
18 MY TAXES SPENT ON THE LIE THAT HIDE THE TRUTH FROM OUR BLACK  
19 CHILDREN. I OBJECT TO THE DISTORTED BUST OF KING TUT.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT, IF I COULD ASK MR. GREEN,  
22 HAROLD GREEN TO JOIN US AND GROVER P. WALKER. NEXT WE HAVE  
23 MISS SHEPHERD.

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1   **OMEGA S. SHEPHERD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY  
2   NAME IS OMEGA SUE SHEPHERD. I'M FORMERLY FROM MCALLISTER,  
3   OKLAHOMA. I WAS IN DEVONTED GRADUATING CLASS OF 1953. I AM THE  
4   MOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN, 14 GRANDCHILDREN AND SIX GREAT-  
5   GRANDCHILDREN. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS, AS A REQUIREMENT  
6   FOR GRADUATION IN 1953, WE WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE WHAT WAS  
7   KNOWN AS A COURSE IN NEGRO HISTORY. AFTER I CAME TO CALIFORNIA  
8   AND BEGAN TO STUDY FURTHER, I WAS INTERESTED ALWAYS IN NEGRO  
9   HISTORY, AS THEY CALLED IT. OUR TEACHING WENT JUST ABOUT AS  
10   FAR BACK AS BEFORE THE SLAVES WERE FREED, I BELIEVE IN 1865.  
11   THE PERSONS THEY SPOKE OF WERE CHILDREN OF SLAVES AND FORMER  
12   SLAVES THAT WERE BROUGHT TO AMERICA. THEY WOULD MENTION  
13   BLANCHE CABE RUTH, DR. GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER, DR. DANIEL  
14   HAIL WILLIAMS, MR. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, MADAME D. J. WALKER,  
15   THE FIRST BLACK PURPORTED WOMAN MILLIONAIRE, BLACK AND DR.  
16   CHARLES DREW, WHO WAS THE FOUNDER OF THE PRESERVATION FOR  
17   BLOOD PLASMA. WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS MY MOTHER TOLD ME ABOUT  
18   KING TUT. IT WAS NEVER MENTIONED AT SCHOOL WHERE I GREW UP. MY  
19   MOM WAS A SCHOOLTEACHER AND SHE HAD FOUND OUT SOME KIND OF WAY  
20   THAT MY HISTORY DID NOT BEGIN IN THE U.S.A. SO WHAT I WOULD  
21   LIKE FOR YOU TO DO, I HAVE PASSED THIS FROM MY CHILDREN TO MY  
22   GRANDCHILDREN, AND IT IS MY PLAN, AS SOON AS MY GREAT-  
23   GRANDCHILDREN ARE OLD ENOUGH, THAT THEY WILL GET THE STORY OF  
24   WHO KING TUT REALLY IS AND WHO HE WAS. I AM A TAXPAYER, TOO,  
25   AND I REALLY HOPE THAT THE BUST THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO TUCK



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1 INTO THE TREASURES OF KING TUT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE  
2 EXHIBIT SO THAT HISTORY WILL BE NO FURTHER DISTORTED. I  
3 CERTAINLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND YOUR PATIENCE. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS SHEPHERD. MISS HERU.

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7 **NZINGA HERU:** MY NAME IS NZINGA HERU AND I AM THE INTERNATIONAL  
8 PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF CLASSICAL  
9 AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS, THAT'S A.S.C.A.C. THE AIM AND THRUST OF  
10 A.S.C.A.C. IS TO BRING TOGETHER SCHOLARS, THINKERS, PLANNERS,  
11 ARTISTS, STUDENTS, SCIENTISTS, TECHNICIANS, MOST  
12 SIGNIFICANTLY, AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES TO PROMOTE AND  
13 PRESERVE OUR ANCIENT AFRICAN HERITAGE. I'M ALSO EXECUTIVE  
14 DIRECTOR OF RIVERS RUN DEEP INSTITUTE, AN ORGANIZATION  
15 DEDICATED TO MEETING THE ACADEMIC AND EFFECTIVE NEEDS OF  
16 AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS. WE WANT AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES  
17 TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE SPECIFIC THINGS THAT THEY CAN DO  
18 WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES THEY  
19 SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN HAVE A  
20 QUALITY EDUCATION. WE WANT TO EMPOWER TEACHERS AND FAMILIES  
21 WITH KNOWLEDGE THAT WILL HELP OUR CHILDREN GROW INTELLECTUALLY  
22 AND SPIRITUALLY. THE UPCOMING TUT EXHIBIT ENERGIZES OUR  
23 ORGANIZATION'S FOCUS ON AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES AND  
24 INTERGENERATIONAL DISCOURSE. THIS EXHIBIT ALLOWS US THE  
25 OPPORTUNITY TO COME TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE OUR ANCESTORS AND



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1 DISTINGUISHED ELDERS FOR THEIR WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING AND  
2 GUIDANCE. IT PROVIDES US THE OCCASION TO CONFIRM AND REAFFIRM  
3 OUR STORY AND OUR HUMANITY. MOREOVER, IT STRENGTHENS OUR  
4 LONGSTANDING COMMITMENT TO TRANSMIT TO OUR YOUTH THE  
5 IMPORTANCE OF OUR HISTORY AND INSTILL IN THEM THE HOPE FOR A  
6 BETTER WORLD AND FOR OUR FUTURE. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO  
7 ESTABLISH TRUTH IN THE MIDST OF FALSEHOOD, ORDER IN THE MIDST  
8 OF CHAOS AND JUSTICE IN THE ARENA OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS. I AM NOT  
9 SURPRISED ABOUT THE PLAN OF MUSEUM OFFICIALS AND OTHERS TO  
10 DISTORT THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF KING TUT. I'VE SEEN  
11 THIS HAPPEN SO MUCH IN AMERICA. ELVIS PRESLEY LEARNED  
12 EVERYTHING HE KNEW FROM BLACK ARTISTS BUT NEVER ADMITTED THAT.  
13 I'VE SEEN BOOKS AND READ BOOKS WRITTEN ABOUT JAZZ THAT DIDN'T  
14 MENTION ITS BLACK ORIGINS. WHO ADMITS THAT THE OSMONDS  
15 DEVELOPED THEIR SINGING STYLE FROM THE JACKSON FAMILY OR THAT,  
16 IF IT WEREN'T FOR BLACK ARTISTS, VANILLA ICE, AND OTHER WHITE  
17 RAPPERS WOULDN'T EVEN BE ABLE TO SPELL THE WORD "RAP," BUT,  
18 MORE TO THE POINT, THE WHITE MEDIA ARE DOING TO KING TUT WHAT  
19 THEY'VE ALREADY DONE TO QUEEN NEFERTITI. MANY OF MY FRIENDS  
20 HAVE WORN BEAUTIFUL MEDALLIONS OF QUEEN NEFERTITI BECAUSE WE  
21 KNEW AND KNOW THAT SHE IS A BLACK WOMAN. IN SPITE OF THIS, THE  
22 ONLY SCULPTURED PIECE THAT YOU EVER SEE OF HER IS A STATUE  
23 THAT REFLECTS HER OF VERY LIGHT SKINNED OR WHITE. IF YOU EVER  
24 TRAVEL TO EGYPT AND VISIT THE CITY ESTABLISHED AS KING  
25 AGNATION, NEFERTITI'S HUSBAND, YOU WILL SEE HUNDREDS OF



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1 DEPICTIONS OF THE QUEEN AS A BLACK AFRICAN. HER HAIR IS WORN  
2 IN CORN ROWS SUCH AS MINE. HER NOSE IS BROAD, SUCH AS MINE.  
3 HER LIPS ARE THICK AND HER SKIN IS DARK. WHY DON'T WE EVER SEE  
4 THESE DEPICTIONS IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC OR ON DISCOVERY  
5 CHANNEL? THE REASON IS CLEAR. THERE IS A VAST CONSPIRACY TO  
6 SUPPRESS BLACK HISTORY AND CULTURE. YOU, AS A BOARD, HAVE THE  
7 POWER TO END THIS INJUSTICE. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW RACIST  
8 SCIENTISTS TO WHITEN THE IMAGE OF KING TUT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MISS HERU.

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12 **NZINGA HERU:** EVERY DAY-- JUST ONE SECOND, QUEEN. EVERY DAY, WE  
13 ARE FACED WITH IDENTITY THEFT. TODAY, WE ARE HERE TO ADDRESS  
14 THE CULTURAL IDENTITY THEFT DEPICTED BY THIS MODERN DAY  
15 MAKEOVER OF THE BLACK AFRICAN BOY, TUT.

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17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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19 **NZINGA HERU:** PLEASE MAINTAIN THE HISTORICAL INTEGRITY OF THIS  
20 EXHIBIT.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE NELLE IVORY AND YENDI SERWAA,  
23 IF THEY WOULD JOIN US.

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1   **HAROLD GREEN:** MY NAME IS HAROLD GREEN, I'M A MEMBER OF  
2   CEMOTAP, COMMITTEE TO ELIMINATE MEDIA OFFENSIVE TO AFRICAN  
3   PEOPLE. PEOPLE, A MEDIA WATCHDOG ORGANIZATION AND WE MONITOR  
4   AND CHALLENGE RACIST DEPICTIONS, DISTORTIONS AND STEREOTYPES  
5   OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT. NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE DO NOT  
6   APPROVE OF THIS RECENT RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FACE OF THE  
7   OBVIOUSLY AFRICAN PHARAOH, TUTANKHAMEN AND WE CERTAINLY DO NOT  
8   WISH TO SEE THIS RACIST MANIFESTATION ACCOMPANY THE UPCOMING  
9   EXHIBIT. AS TAXPAYERS IN THIS COUNTY, PEOPLE OF AFRICAN  
10   DESCENT HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT AND DEMAND THAT OUR HISTORY AND  
11   CULTURE BE REPRESENTED AS IT IS WHEN DISPLAYED AT COUNTY  
12   FACILITIES. AFTER ALL, EGYPT IS IN AFRICA AND ALL OF THE  
13   ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE CLEARLY INDICATES THAT THE FIRST  
14   SETTLERS ALONG THE NILE RIVER FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH WERE  
15   AFRICAN PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH THE PRE-  
16   DYNASTIC, INTER-DYNASTIC ANCIENT EGYPT CIVILIZATIONS. AND  
17   WHILE WE CANNOT PREVENT RACIST SCIENTISTS AND ARCHEOLOGISTS  
18   FROM ENGAGING IN RACIST FANTASIES, WE DO EXPECT THAT OUR  
19   ELECTED OFFICIALS NOT INDULGE THEM. WE FIND THAT THIS RECENT  
20   RECONSTRUCTION OF THE FACE OF KING TUT MERELY A MODERN DAY  
21   VERSION OF THE PILT DOWN MAN, A FRAUDULENT ARCHEOLOGICAL  
22   RECONSTRUCTION CREATED IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY THAT LASTED  
23   FOR 50 YEARS BEFORE IT WAS DISCOVERED. WE ARE OF THE FIRM  
24   OPINION THAT, IF THE ITEMS TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE KING TUT  
25   EXHIBIT WERE NOT FOUND IN HIS TOMB OR NOT AUTHENTIC AFRICAN OR



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1 ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ARTIFACTS, THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE PART OF  
2 THE UPCOMING EXHIBIT. THAT THE EXHIBITORS AND CREATORS SHOULD  
3 LET THE ARTIFACTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. INSTEAD OF ENGAGING IN  
4 HISTORICAL AND SCIENTIFIC OBJECTIVITY, THE TWO WHITE AND ONE  
5 ARAB FORENSIC SCIENTIFIC TEAMS HAVE ENGAGED IN RACIST  
6 SUBJECTIVITY. FOR THOSE OF US OF AFRICAN DESCENT WHO HAVE BEEN  
7 TO EGYPT AND HAVE WALKED THE TOMBS AND TEMPLES AND HAVE BEEN  
8 TO THE CAIRO MUSEUM TO VIEW THE KING TUT ARTIFACTS UP CLOSE,  
9 INCLUDING THE MAGNIFICENT FUNERAL MASS WHICH, IRONICALLY WILL  
10 NOT BE PART OF THIS EXHIBIT, AND KNOW A BLACK PERSON WHEN WE  
11 SEE ONE ARE SIMPLY NOT GOING TO ACCEPT THIS DEFACEMENT AND  
12 DESECRATION AND WILL NOT STAND IDLY BY AND ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN  
13 WHILE COMPANIES LIKE A.E.G., A.E.I. PIMP AND MAKE MONEY. OFF  
14 OF ANCIENT AFRICAN CULTURE. DAVID SILVERMAN, WHO HEADS THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF EGYPTOLOGY, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
16 MUSEUM IN PHILADELPHIA AND WHO IS THE CURATOR OF THE U.S.  
17 NATIONAL EXHIBIT SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF HIMSELF FOR BEING A PART  
18 OF THIS CHARADE. THE DECISION BY THESE FORENSIC SCIENTISTS TO  
19 GIVE THE FACE OF THIS RECONSTRUCTION WHITE SKIN BASED ON A  
20 CONCLUSION THAT KING TUT HAD A NARROW NOSE OVERLOOKS THE FACT  
21 THAT MOST EAST AFRICANS HAVE NARROW NOSE AND BLACK SKIN. IN  
22 FACT, AFRICANS WERE THE FIRST PEOPLE TO HAVE NARROW NOSES.  
23 MISS DANES, WHO IS PART OF THE FRENCH FORENSIC TEAM SEEMS TO  
24 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT KING TUT COULD HAVE BEEN BLACK BY SAYING AND  
25 I QUOTE, "SKIN TONE WHICH COULD HAVE VARIED FROM VERY DARK TO





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1 VERY LIGHT WAS BASED ON AN AVERAGE SHADE OF MODERN EGYPTIANS."  
2 WELL, FIRST OF ALL, EGYPTIANS 3,000 YEARS AGO COULD NOT HAVE  
3 BEEN VERY LIGHT OR THEY ALL WOULD HAVE DIED FROM SKIN CANCER.  
4 SECONDLY, MODERN DAY EGYPTIANS ARE NOT ANCIENT EGYPTIANS BUT  
5 ARABS, WHO HAD NO RESPECT FOR THE CULTURE WHEN THEY FIRST  
6 ARRIVED IN EGYPT MERELY 1,400 YEARS AGO, WHICH IS WHY SO MANY  
7 OF THE MONUMENTS ARE DEFACED, WITH ARABS STEALING THE  
8 LIMESTONE OFF OF THEM TO BUILD MOSQUES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. GREEN.

11

12 **HAROLD GREEN:** WE SIMPLY WANT THIS RACIST MADNESS TO END, THE  
13 SAME BLACK HANDS THAT BUILT THE CAPITOL CITY IN THIS COUNTRY,  
14 THE SAME BLACK HANDS THAT BUILD THE PYRAMIDS AND MONUMENTS OF  
15 ANCIENT EGYPT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MR. WALKER. [ APPLAUSE ]

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19 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SIR?

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21 **GROVER P. WALKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE BOARD OF  
22 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS GROVER WALKER. I, TOO, AM APPEARING  
23 BEFORE YOU TO PROTEST THE INCLUSION OF THREE MODERN  
24 RECONSTRUCTED BUSTS, ALONG WITH THE 131 ANTIQUITIES IN THE  
25 KING TUT EXHIBIT. I QUOTE FROM THE L.A. TIMES OF MAY 11, 2005,



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1 "THE SKIN TONE OF THESE BUSTS IS BASED ON THE AVERAGE SHADE OF  
2 MODERN DAY EGYPTIANS." CLOSE QUOTES. THERE'S THE RUB. MODERN  
3 DAY EGYPTIANS ARE NOT THE DESCENDANTS OF ANCIENT EGYPTIANS.  
4 THEY ARE, RATHER, THE DESCENDANTS OF ARAB INVADERS THAT  
5 CONQUERED EGYPT IN THE 8TH CENTURY A.D. THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS  
6 AND KING TUT WERE NEGROID BLACK AFRICANS WHO INHABITED EGYPT  
7 ABOUT 3,300 YEARS AGO. OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, THE AFRICAN  
8 ORIGINS OF THE ENTIRE HUMAN SPECIES IN EAST AFRICA AND THE  
9 AFRICAN ORIGINS OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN CIVILIZATION HAVE BEEN  
10 CLEARLY ESTABLISHED. HERE IS THE EVIDENCE FOR THE AFRICAN  
11 ORIGINS OF ANCIENT EGYPT. THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN LANGUAGE WAS  
12 AFRICAN, NOT INDO EUROPEAN, NOT SEMITIC. THE HIEROGLYPHIC  
13 IMAGES AND SYMBOLS EMPLOYED BY THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS ARE  
14 NATIVE AFRICAN IN ORIGIN. THE BLOOD TYPES, LENGTH OF LIMBS,  
15 SKULL STRUCTURE AND OTHER PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE  
16 ANCIENT EGYPTIANS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE POPULATIONS OF SUB-  
17 SAHARAN AFRICA. GREEK, ROMAN AND HEBREW EYEWITNESSES HAVE  
18 REFERRED TO THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS AS BLACK PEOPLE.  
19 FURTHERMORE, A NUMBER OF SCIENTISTS AND ARCHAEOLOGISTS,  
20 INCLUDING HARRIS, WEEKS, ROBBINS, SHOOT, CRAWFORD AND KITA,  
21 HAVE STUDIED THE REMAINS OF THE PHARAOHS OF THE 18TH DYNASTY,  
22 OF WHICH KING TUT WAS A MEMBER AND FOUND THESE PHARAOHS TO BE  
23 DECIDEDLY NEGROID. IN MY VIEW, THE INTRODUCTION OF THE THREE  
24 MODERN RECONSTRUCTED BUSTS INTO THE KING TUT EXHIBIT AT THE  
25 LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART IS NOT JUSTIFIED AND NOT



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1 CONSISTENT WITH THE WEIGHT OF THE EVIDENCE THAT KING TUT WAS  
2 BOTH AFRICAN AND BLACK. THERE ARE 131 ANTIQUITIES IN THE  
3 EXHIBIT THAT ARE AUTHENTICALLY ANCIENT ARTIFACTS. THE THREE  
4 MODERN RECONSTRUCTED BUSTS ARE CLEARLY NOT AUTHENTIC ANCIENT  
5 ARTIFACTS AND ARE OUT OF PLACE AND SUPERFLUOUS IN THIS  
6 EXHIBIT. MY POSITION IS EXPRESSED IN THE WORDS OF THE LATIN  
7 DICTUM, RACE IPSA LOQUITUR, TRANSLATED TO APPLY TO THIS CASE,  
8 LET THE ANTIQUITIES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES WITHOUT ANY MODERN  
9 RECONSTRUCTIONS. THE THREE MODERN RECONSTRUCTED BUSTS ARE ONLY  
10 TO DISTORT AND OBFUSCATE THE TRUTH OF KING TUT'S BLACK AFRICAN  
11 IDENTITY AND REPRESENT ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY SOME WHITE TO  
12 WHITEWASH AND STEAL THE CULTURAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE OF BLACK  
13 AFRICAN PEOPLES. WE RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE LOS ANGELES  
14 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTS IN A TIMELY MANNER TO EXCLUDE  
15 THE THREE MODERN RECONSTRUCTED BUSTS FROM THE KING TUT EXHIBIT  
16 AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART.

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18 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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20 **GROVER P. WALKER:** HOWEVER, WHATEVER YOUR DECISION IS...

21  
22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. WALKER.



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1 **GROVER P. WALKER:** ...BE ADVISED THAT THE EXHIBITION WITH THE  
2 MODERN RECONSTRUCTED BUSTS WILL NOT BE UNCHALLENGED IN LOS  
3 ANGELES.

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. WALKER. NEXT WE HAVE JESSE  
6 SWAFFORD AND WENDELL STRAZIER.

7

8 **GROVER P. WALKER:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** MISS IVORY.

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12 **NELLE W. IVORY:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS I AM NELLE IVORY...

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** IN CASE YOU DIDN'T HERE, JESSE SWAFFORD  
15 AND WENDELL STRAZIER.

16

17 **NELLE W. IVORY:** I AM NELLE IVORY. I AM VERY CONCERNED, ANGERED  
18 AND APPALLED ABOUT WHY THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SCULPTURES  
19 ARE PLANNED TO BE EXHIBITED AT THE MUSEUM. HOWEVER, I  
20 UNDERSTAND THIS CRUEL AND VICIOUS RACIST. I DO. WHEN I SAW  
21 THEM, I PERSONALLY COULD NOT IMAGINE THAT KING TUT LOOKED  
22 ANYTHING LIKE THOSE SCULPTURES. HOWEVER, I DO UNDERSTAND THE  
23 VICIOUS, MEAN, CRUEL RACISM, THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE KING'S  
24 SCULPTURES. THEY CLEARLY REFLECT THE OPINIONS OF THE WHITE  
25 RACIST SCIENTISTS AND ARTISTS THAT CREATED THEM. I UNDERSTAND



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1 RACISM AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD. ARE YOU AWARE,  
2 THREE YEARS AGO, THE BRITISH AND NEW ZEALAND SCIENTISTS AND  
3 SPECIAL EFFECTS ARTISTS CONDUCTED AN INVESTIGATION OF KING  
4 TUT'S HEAD FROM X-RAYS OF HIS SKELETON? THE CAST IS ON DISPLAY  
5 IN THE LONDON MUSEUM. CHECK IT OUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW  
6 THE TRUTH. I GAVE YOU COPIES OF THAT. THE ONE THAT'S MADE OF  
7 FIBERGLASS DEPICT A BLACK MAN. THE RECENT SCULPTURES REFLECT A  
8 WHITE MAN. I UNDERSTAND THE RACISM. KING TUT WAS BLACK. THE  
9 SCULPTURES OF KING TUT SHOULD STAND ON THEIR OWN. HE DOES NOT  
10 NEED A MODERN MAKEOVER BASED ON WHITE SCIENTISTS' OPINION. AS  
11 A TAXPAYER, I'M CONCERNED THAT MY TAXES, WHICH SUPPORT THE LOS  
12 ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ARTS, SHOULD NOT BE UTILIZED TO  
13 PROMOTE RACISM DISTORTION OF BLACK HISTORY AND BLACK PEOPLE.  
14 YOU HAVE THE POWER TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER AND TO DEMAND THAT  
15 THE EXHIBIT NOT BE TAINTED WITH ARTWORK THAT HAS NO CONNECTION  
16 WITH ANCIENT EGYPT. USE YOUR CLOUT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC  
17 INSTEAD OF PROMOTING CHEAP PROPAGANDA. PROMOTE THE TRUTH. DO  
18 AN INVESTIGATION ON THIS RACIST EXHIBIT. I'M ASKING EACH OF  
19 YOU, WOULD YOU WANT YOUR IMAGE AND YOUR RACE CHANGED TO  
20 SOMETHING ELSE? THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MISS SERWAA, PLEASE.

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24 **YENDI SERWAA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

25 I, TOO, HAVE TRAVELED TO EGYPT AND I HAVE TOURED THE CAIRO



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1 MUSEUM AS WELL AS OTHER PLACES THAT HOUSE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN  
2 ANTIQUITIES, ARTIFACTS AND I'M HERE TO STATE THAT THE  
3 RECONSTRUCTED BUST OF THE KING TUT IS NOT ACCURATE. BILL  
4 COSBY, LARRY ELDER, THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, SOCIAL SCIENTISTS  
5 AND OTHERS ARE COMPLAINING ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE BLACK  
6 FAMILY AND THE CONDITION OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN YOUTH. THEY SAY  
7 THAT, AS BLACK PEOPLE, WE ARE NOT FOCUSING ENOUGH ATTENTION ON  
8 OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. WELL, ONE OF THE REASONS THAT BLACK YOUTH  
9 HAVE SUCH A HARD TIME IN THIS SOCIETY IS BECAUSE THEY ARE  
10 DENIED THE ADVANTAGE OF POSITIVE IMAGES. MOVIES AND SITCOMS  
11 DEPICT BLACK PEOPLE AS BUFFOONS AND IDIOTS. 90% OF THE BLACK  
12 MEN ON THE 6:00 NEWS ARE IN HANDCUFFS AND OUR MAJOR HEROES AND  
13 HISTORICAL FIGURES ARE PORTRAYED AS WHITE. THIS BRINGS ME TO  
14 KING TUT. FOR YEARS, WE HAVE TAUGHT OUR CHILDREN ABOUT THE  
15 ANCIENT EGYPTIANS AND THEIR GREAT CIVILIZATION. ALONG COMES AN  
16 EXHIBIT ABOUT A BLACK BOY KING AND THE MEDIA DECIDES TO BLEACH  
17 HIM WHITE. THIS IS OUTRAGEOUS. EGYPT IS ON THE CONTINENT OF  
18 AFRICA. ALL OF THE ANCIENT EYEWITNESSES REFER TO THE EGYPTIANS  
19 AS BLACK AND THEIR SCULPTURES AND PAINTINGS DEPICT THEIR  
20 BLACKNESS. THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE FOR YOU AS A BOARD IS  
21 THIS. HOW CAN WE, AS BLACK PEOPLE, SOCIALIZE AND EDUCATE OUR  
22 CHILDREN AND FOSTER PRIDE IN THEM IF WHITE SCHOLARS AND THE  
23 MEDIA CONSTANTLY TAKE AWAY THEIR HEROES? WHETHER IT'S THE  
24 MOVIE, "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS" OR "LOOK FOR HOTEL IN LAS  
25 VEGAS," THE EGYPTIANS ARE CONSTANTLY PORTRAYED AS WHITE. THE





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1 EGYPTIANS WERE NOT DARK WHITES, ARABS OR ASIATICS. THEY ARE  
2 BLACK AFRICANS. IT IS ABSURD FOR YOU TO INCLUDE A WHITE  
3 RECONSTRUCTED KING AS A STAND-IN FOR KING TUT WHEN MANY OF HIS  
4 ARTIFACTS WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR EVERYONE TO SEE. THIS EXHIBIT  
5 TRAVELED IN EUROPE AND ASIA AND THERE WERE NO FALSE SCULPTURES  
6 INCLUDED. THE ONLY REASON THAT THE WHITE FIGURE IS PLANNED FOR  
7 THE UNITED STATES IS FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES ONLY. TO PRETEND  
8 THAT BLACK PEOPLE HAVE NO HISTORY. WE DO HAVE A HISTORY. IT  
9 BEGAN IN AFRICAN EGYPT AND WE LAID THE FOUNDATION OF  
10 CIVILIZATION. THANK YOU. [ APPLAUSE ]

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12 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. PLEASE. PLEASE. NEXT,  
13 WE HAVE DR. DAVID HORN AND BROTHER FLAG. MR. STRAZIER.  
14 >WENDELL STRAZIER: YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. I, TOO,  
15 HAVE TRAVELED TO EGYPT IN 1987 AND VIEWED BOTH KING TUT'S TOMB  
16 AND TEMPLE AND I AM HERE ALSO TO OPPOSE THE INCLUSION OF THE  
17 RECONSTRUCTIVE BUSTS IN THE PLANNED EXHIBIT AT THE COUNTY  
18 MUSEUM. SOME OF MY FRIENDS-- FRIENDS OF MINE AND I HAVE  
19 WRITTEN THE MUSEUM OFFICIALS AND OTHERS ABOUT THE WHITENING OF  
20 KING TUT. OFFICIALS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART  
21 HAVE RESPONDED. THEY'VE INSISTED THAT THEY HAVE NO CONTROL  
22 OVER THE MODERN RECONSTRUCTIVE STATUES OF THE PHARAOH. THEIR  
23 OPINIONS APPEAR TO BE NEUTRAL. I AM HERE TO TELL YOU AND DR.  
24 ANDREA RICH OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART THAT  
25 NEUTRALITY IS NOT AN OPTION IN THIS CONTROVERSY. SHE AND THE



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1 COUNTY AS A WHOLE ARE ON THE VERGE OF DEFRAUDING A GULLIBLE  
2 PUBLIC WITH FALSIFIED HISTORICAL INFORMATION. HERE YOU HAVE AN  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO TELL THE WORLD ABOUT THE MAGNIFICENCE AND THE  
4 SPLENDOR OF ANCIENT AFRICA. INSTEAD, IT MAY BE SUPPRESSED BY  
5 THE VERY MESSAGE OF THE ARTIFACTS THAT WILL BE BUILT AND  
6 SHOWED THERE. I UNDERSTAND THAT L.A..C.M.A. DIDN'T CONSTRUCT  
7 THE EXHIBIT BUT IS HOSTING IT. IN SPITE OF THIS, THE SPONSORS  
8 OF THE EXHIBIT CERTAINLY DON'T HAVE CARTE BLANCHE TO DO  
9 ANYTHING THEY CHOOSE. JUST ASK YOURSELF THE QUESTION, IF THE  
10 EXHIBIT WERE ANTI-WHITE OR ANTI-SEMITIC, WOULD YOU SIT BY AND  
11 TOLERATE RACISM OR BIGOTRY? OF COURSE NOT. EACH OF US WOULD  
12 RUSH FORWARD TO REPUDIATE THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF A PROJECT  
13 AND THREATEN TO CLOSE IT DOWN IF IT DIDN'T ELIMINATE THE  
14 PROBLEM. BLACK PEOPLE ARE AS IMPORTANT AS ANYONE ELSE. OUR  
15 CONCERNS ARE AS WELL. DO NOT DEPRIVE MY CHILDREN OF THE  
16 HISTORY THAT IS THEIRS BY DESECRATING THE IMAGE OF AFRICAN  
17 ICON SUCH AS KING TUT. THE TIME IS OUT FOR PRETENDING THAT  
18 BLACK PEOPLE ARE SUBHUMAN SAVAGES WHICH HAVE NO HISTORY. AS MY  
19 CHILDREN WOULD TELL YOU, BEFORE ANY HISTORY, THERE WAS BLACK  
20 HISTORY AND THAT HISTORY INCLUDED KING TUT. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. [ SCATTERED APPLAUSE ]

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1   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** NEXT WE HAVE LUTHER LEWIS, JR. IF YOU'D  
2   JOIN US. MR. SWAFFORD. YES, SIR. YES. YOU'RE NEXT. YOU MAY  
3   SPEAK.

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5   **JESSE SWAFFORD:** OH, OKAY. MY NAME IS JESSE SWAFFORD. THANK YOU  
6   FOR LETTING ME SPEAK. I'VE READ A NUMBER OF ARTICLES ABOUT  
7   KING TUT, ANCIENT EGYPT, AND I'VE BEEN TO MANY MEETINGS ABOUT  
8   ANCIENT EGYPT AND SCHOLARLY MEETINGS AND THE SCIENTISTS WHO  
9   ARE RECONSTRUCTING THE IMAGE, THEY DON'T KNOW A LOT ABOUT KING  
10   TUT. KING TUT WOULD LOOK LIKE ME OR DARKER. SOME SAY HE WAS  
11   MURDERED. OTHERS SAY HE DIED WITH AN INFECTION. SOME SAY HE  
12   WAS A STRONG KING WHO FOLLOWED HIS FATHER'S REFORM. OTHERS SAY  
13   THAT HE WAS A PRIEST THAT OTHERS OVERPOWERED AND FORCED HIM TO  
14   RETURN TO HIS CONVENTIONAL LAWS AND CUSTOMS. ALTHOUGH MANY  
15   THINGS THEY SAY ARE KNOWN AND OTHERS ARE UNKNOWN, IN SPITE OF  
16   WHAT ZAHID HAWA SAYS, KING TUT WASN'T ARAB. HE HAD NOTHING IN  
17   COMMON WITH MODERN EGYPT. THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WERE BLACK.  
18   ALL ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WERE BLACK. I'VE BEEN TO MANY MEETINGS  
19   AND SCHOLARLY MEETINGS AND, I MEAN, IT'S JUST A KNOWN FACT  
20   THAT ALL THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS WERE BLACK AND THE MODERN  
21   EGYPTIANS OF TODAY, THE ARABS, THEY DON'T HAVE ANY-- ANY  
22   HISTORY WITH THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS. THERE'S NO CONNECTION. AND  
23   SOME OF THE PICTURES THAT I'VE GATHERED OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN.  
24   THIS IS KING TUT'S MOTHER OR GRANDMOTHER. THIS HIS FATHER OR  
25   HIS GRANDPA. THIS IS HIS SISTER-IN-LAW. NOW, IF ALL THESE



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1 IMAGES ARE BLACK IMAGES, HOW COULD THEY TURN IT AND MAKE A  
2 IMAGE LIKE THIS OF KING TUT? I MEAN, IT'S JUST RIDICULOUS.  
3 IT'S JUST RIDICULOUS. AS MANY SCHOLARS I'VE TALKED TO, READ  
4 THEIR BOOKS, I DIDN'T BRING THEM AT THE TIME BUT, I MEAN, IT'S  
5 JUST SADDENING TO ME, JUST SPEAKING, YOU KNOW, I'M A STREET  
6 PERSON, IT'S JUST SADDENING TO ME WHEN I DRIVE THROUGH LAS  
7 VEGAS AND SEE THE EGYPTIAN PICTURES OF KING TUT AND I SEE THIS  
8 PICTURE OF THIS, I DON'T KNOW, EUROPEAN, OF SOMEONE THAT'S  
9 SUPPOSEDLY REPRESENTING ME, BECAUSE, FROM THE INFORMATION I'VE  
10 GOTTEN IS THAT I'M A ANCIENT EGYPTIAN AND EVERYBODY THAT LOOKS  
11 LIKE ME IS A ANCIENT EGYPTIAN. IF YOU'RE DARK OR LOOK LIKE ME,  
12 YOU'RE A ANCIENT EGYPTIAN. OTHER THAN THAT, YOU'RE NOT.

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14 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MR. SWAFFORD. NEXT WE HAVE DR.  
15 DAVID HORN. MR. HORN? DR. HORN?

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17 **DR. DAVID HORN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE  
18 OTHER HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO  
19 SPEAK. I GET A CHANCE TO SEE SOME OF THE ELDERS THAT I TALK IN  
20 MY CLASSES ABOUT. I HAVE A PH.D. IN HISTORY FROM A VERY GOOD  
21 UNIVERSITY IN THIS AREA, U.C.L.A. PART OF WHAT THEY TAUGHT ME  
22 WAS TO BE ABLE TO TAKE HISTORY AND MAKE IT DYNAMIC, MAKE IT  
23 LIVE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO LISTEN. WE HAVE A WHOLE  
24 GENERATION OF YOUNG LEADERS THAT WE HAVE TO INSPIRE TO WANT TO  
25 STAY IN SCHOOL, TO WANT TO BE A PART OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM,



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1 AN INCREASING NUMBER OF LATINO STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL  
2 SYSTEM ARE DROPPING OUT, AN INCREASING NUMBER OF BLACK  
3 STUDENTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM ARE DROPPING OUT, AN  
4 INCREASING NUMBER OF CAUCASIAN STUDENTS ARE DROPPING OUT OF  
5 SCHOOL, OUT OF LIFE AND OUT OF BEING INVOLVED IN HELPING OUR  
6 CIVILIZATION CONTINUE. ONE THING THAT CAN HELP TO NEUTRALIZE  
7 AND TO REVERSE THAT TREND IS HISTORY BUT YOU HAVE TO TEACH  
8 ACCURATE HISTORY, YOU HAVE TO TEACH THE HISTORY OF PEOPLE WHO  
9 LOOK LIKE THEM. CESAR CHAVEZ WAS NOT A WHITE PERSON AND NOBODY  
10 HERE WOULD ALLOW THAT TO BE DEPICTED. WE CONGRATULATE THE  
11 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR BRINGING IN THE KING TUT  
12 EXHIBIT, IT NEEDS TO COME BACK IN AGAIN, I'M PLANNING ON  
13 INVITING A NUMBER OF MY STUDENTS TO GO, AT LEAST I WAS UNTIL I  
14 HEARD ABOUT THIS CT SCAN ARTIST'S RENDITION, LET US MAKEUP HOW  
15 WE THINK KING TUT MAY HAVE LOOKED. IT'S A BUNCH OF JUNK. I AM  
16 A SCHOLAR. I CANNOT APPRECIATE PEOPLE PUTTING INTO A  
17 HISTORICAL EXHIBIT THAT DOES NOT NEED IT THREE BRAND NEW BUSTS  
18 OF KING TUT AND ALL THREE ARE DIFFERENT. THEY ARE ALL ARTISTIC  
19 CREATIONS, SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE. ALL WE  
20 ARE ASKING THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DO IS NOT TO CANCEL OR  
21 POSTPONE THE EXHIBIT. WE WANT THE EXHIBIT. I WANT TO GET YOUNG  
22 PEOPLE TO GO AND TO BE INSPIRED. WE ARE ASKING YOU TO TAKE OUT  
23 THOSE THREE HEADS THAT HAVE NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH KING  
24 TUT OR THE EXHIBIT OR ANY KIND OF HISTORY. WE WANT TO INSPIRE  
25 PEOPLE. WE DO NOT WANT TO DRIVE THEM AWAY. I CAN GUARANTEE



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1 YOU, IF MY STUDENTS GO AND THEY SEE THAT, THEY'LL BE DOWN HERE  
2 NEXT TIME, AND I HAVE A LOT OF STUDENTS. [ SCATTERED APPLAUSE  
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5 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE BROTHER FLAGG IS NEXT.  
6 COULD WE ALSO HAVE BIG MONEY GRIFF JOIN US?

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8 **BROTHER FLAGG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON. AS A NATIVE  
9 BORN LOS ANGELINO AND THE FATHER OF SEVEN AND THE GRANDFATHER  
10 OF SEVEN MORE AND A CERTIFIED GANG INTERVENTION SPECIALIST  
11 FROM THE PAT BROWN INSTITUTE, I COME BEFORE YOU AND REQUEST  
12 THAT YOU DO WHATEVER IT TAKES, WHATEVER YOUR AUTHORITY IS, TO  
13 REMOVE THOSE THREE BUSTS THAT EVERYONE HAS SPOKEN OF. WHEN I  
14 CAME DOWN HERE, I ACCIDENTALLY WENT TO THE WRONG BUILDING AND  
15 I CAME UPON A LOS ANGELES OFFICIAL VISITOR'S GUIDE, WHERE IT  
16 STATES, "THE TREASURES OF KING TUT RETURNS THIS YEAR TO LACMA  
17 AS THE ONLY WEST COAST VENUE FOR KING TUT AND THE GOLDEN AGE  
18 OF THE PHARAOHS AND THE ONLY CHANCE TO SEE THESE OBJECTS  
19 BEFORE THEIR RETURN TO EGYPT FOREVER." PLEASE, PLEASE, FOR THE  
20 SAKE OF OUR CHILDREN, FOR THE SAKE OF TRUTH, I ASK, I ASK YOU,  
21 OUR DULY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, TO BE WISE AND UPHOLD TRUTH,  
22 BECAUSE JEHUDI IS RECORDING ALL. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. LEWIS.

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1   **LUTHER R. LEWIS, JR.:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. I'M HEAR TO TALK  
2   ABOUT A PROBLEM I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH FOR FOUR YEARS. IT'S  
3   CALL I'VE BEEN INSEMINATED WITH ILLEGAL DEVICE AT COUNTY  
4   FACILITIES. IT'S CRIMINAL MALPRACTICE AT ITS WORST. FOUR YEARS  
5   OF MY LIFE HAS BEEN VIOLATED BY THIS ILLEGAL DEVICE. FOUR U.S.  
6   ATTORNEY CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS, TWO ATTORNEY GENERAL, ONE  
7   IDENTITY CASE FILED, ONE PRESENTATION TO THE POLICE  
8   COMMISSION, SEVERAL COMPLAINTS TO U.S. POSTAL SERVICE, F.B.I.  
9   INQUIRY FILED THIS...

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11   **SUP. BURKE:** BEFORE THEY LEAVE, CAN I JUST SAY ONE WORD?

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13   **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU, SIR.

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15   **SUP. BURKE:** I JUST WANT TO RESPOND TO CITY ATTORNEY CLEGG.  
16   WE'VE HAD CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION THIS TIME AND BEFORE, WHEN  
17   THE TUT MUSEUM CAME BEFORE. OUR CONTRACT WITH THE ART MUSEUM  
18   ORDINARILY PROVIDES THAT WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER PROGRAM OR  
19   EXHIBITS. THAT'S PART OF THE AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE. IN THIS  
20   PARTICULAR CASE, NOT ONLY DO WE NOT HAVE PROGRAM CONTROL BUT  
21   THE MUSEUM IS NOT THE INITIAL SPONSOR. THIS IS BEING PAID FOR  
22   BY AN INDEPENDENT GROUP SEPARATE AND APART, SO TAXPAYER MONEY  
23   IS NOT PROVIDING FOR THIS EXHIBIT. HOWEVER, I HAVE PASSED ON  
24   ALL OF THESE CONCERNS AND THEY HAVE ASSURED ME THAT THEY'LL DO  
25   EVERYTHING TO TRY TO TAKE INTO EVERY CONSIDERATION AND PASS ON



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1 AND TO THE DEGREE THAT THE MUSEUM IS ABLE TO, TO RECOGNIZE THE  
2 SENSITIVITY OF THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE  
3 THAT DISCUSSION BUT I WANT TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THE CONTRACT  
4 PROVIDES THAT THEY HAVE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE IN TERMS OF  
5 CURATING AND PROGRAMMING. NOW, OUR AUTHORS STUDY CLUB, WHICH  
6 IS A HISTORY, AFRICAN-AMERICAN NEGRO HISTORY ORGANIZATION  
7 THAT'S GONE ON FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS, I BELIEVE, THEY'RE GOING  
8 TO HAVE A BREAKFAST THERE, THEY ARE PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR  
9 PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO COME INTO THE MUSEUM AND TO-- THEY'RE  
10 DOING EVERYTHING TO TRY TO GET CHILDREN TO BE ABLE TO  
11 PARTICIPATE. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR YOUR VIEWS TO  
12 BECOME KNOWN, TO BE KNOWN IN THE PRESS AND IN THE MEDIA AND  
13 YOUR CONCERNS EXPRESSED, SO THAT WHEN PEOPLE COME IN, THEY'RE  
14 AWARE THAT THERE IS THIS CONTROVERSY AND I BELIEVE THAT THIS  
15 CONTROVERSY WILL COME TO THE FOREFRONT AND THAT PEOPLE WHO  
16 COME TO THE MUSEUM WILL BE AWARE OF IT BUT I HAVE TO BE VERY  
17 HONEST, WE CANNOT GO IN THERE AND CHANGE THE EXHIBIT. AND--  
18 BUT WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN YOU, THE  
19 CITY ATTORNEY AND TO MR. CLEGG AND THE PEOPLE AT THE MUSEUM SO  
20 THAT EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO TRY TO MAKE IT AS CLEAR AS  
21 POSSIBLE.

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23 **MALE VOICE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE APPRECIATE YOUR  
2    TESTIMONY. COULD WE GIVE...

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4    **SUP. BURKE:** I'M SORRY I INTERRUPTED YOU.

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6    **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** CAN WE GIVE MR. LEWIS THE FULL THREE  
7    MINUTES? WE APOLOGIZE FOR INTERRUPTING YOU, SIR.

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9    **LUTHER R. LEWIS, JR.:** YES. GOOD EVENING ONCE AGAIN, BOARD. AND  
10    I'M HERE FOR VARIOUS REASONS. ONE, I'VE BEEN INSEMINATED WITH  
11    A BIOTECHNICAL ADVICE THAT CIA CALLS-- HOW WOULD YOU SAY-- A  
12    WHISPER 2000. NOW, I GOT THIS DEVICE PUT IN ME THROUGH COUNTY  
13    FACILITY, TWO ME THROUGH COUNTY FACILITY, TWO PHASES, KING  
14    DREW AND U.C.L.A. OLIVE VIEW. NOW, I HAVE, FOR FOUR YEARS OF  
15    MY LIFE, TAKE IT THAT THIS DEVICE, BAUMBOWER, IS A GERMAN  
16    NEURO PHYSICIAN, SCIENTIST, BAUMBOWER, WHICH IS A BRAIN SCAN  
17    BUT ALSO IT'S A SMART CHIP AND IT RECORDS AND EVERYTHING. BUT,  
18    TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, I'M A AIR FORCE VETERAN. NOW MY  
19    SPECIALTY IN THE SERVICE WAS AIRCRAFT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS, SO  
20    IT TOOK ME A WHILE TO FIGURE THIS THING OUT BUT I DONE FINALLY  
21    FIGURED OUT AND I'M ASKING FOR HELP IN DEACTIVATING IT AND  
22    ASSISTANCE. I'M A POET AND I'M A ENTERTAINER. I HAVE CRIMINAL  
23    INFRINGEMENTS ON MY WORK AND IN THE COMMUNITY. IT'S SAD  
24    BECAUSE IF THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE PUTTING THESE KIND OF  
25    INSTRUMENTS IN PEOPLE FOR JUST TO GO THROUGH A COUNTY FACILITY



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1 IS SAD, BECAUSE WHO KNOWS WHERE THIS GANG VIOLENCE COMES FROM.  
2 IS IT HUMAN FACTOR OR IS IT INSEMINATED? I TALK TO YOUTH EVERY  
3 DAY. I GREW UP IN COMPTON, WATTS, AND SOUTH CENTRAL, ALL  
4 AROUND ATHLETE, NO JUVENILE RECORD. NONE. BUT, SO FOR YOU TO  
5 PUT THIS IN A MAN AT THE TIME I RECEIVED THIS, I WAS 39, 38  
6 YEARS OLD AND IT'S BEEN IN ME EVER SINCE. I HAVE, AS I SAID,  
7 FOUR YEARS OF MY LIFE HAS BEEN VIOLATED BY THIS ILLEGAL  
8 DEVICE. FOUR U.S. ATTORNEY CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS, TWO ATTORNEY  
9 GENERAL, ONE IDENTITY THEFT CASE FILE, ONE PRESENTATION TO THE  
10 POLICE COMMISSION, SEVERAL COMPLAINTS TO THE U.S. POSTAL  
11 SERVICE, F.B.I. INQUIRY FILED THIS-- FILE FOR THIS WHISPER  
12 2000 DEVICE, ONE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES WITH L.A. COUNTY, CRIMINAL  
13 RECORD TAMPERING AND FOR DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER, COMPTON  
14 SHERIFF COMPLAINT FOR THIS MATTER, L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF I.A.  
15 INQUIRY FOR STALKING, TAMPERING OF VETERAN BENEFITS, UNITED  
16 STATES AIR FORCE, ACCEPTED BY THE SCOTTISH RIGHT MASONS TRIED  
17 TO INTERFERE WITH MY STUDY. PARTICIPATION STILL NO RESPONSE.  
18 THIS IS WHY I'VE RESEARCHED ALL MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC FACTS  
19 AND PROOF HOW DANGEROUS THIS BUREAUCRACY IS TO THE COUNTY AND  
20 THE YOUTH GROWTH. WITH MY HARDSHIP, I REACH OUT FOR ASSISTANCE  
21 DISSOLVING THIS TERRORIST AGGRESSION ON LIFE ITSELF. I STILL  
22 DEAL WITH THIS ABOMINATION TO THIS DAY. LUTHER RAY LEWIS, JR.,  
23 AIR FORCE VET.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SIR. MR. GRIFF.



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2 **BIG MONEY GRIFF:** MADAM CHAIR MOLINA, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M

3 BIG MONEY GRIFF, COMMUNITY ACTIVIST. AS YOU KNOW, I WEAR MANY

4 HATS. I'M ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF N.C.R.E.W., NATIONAL COALITION

5 FOR REPARATIONS IN ECONOMIC WEALTH. I'M A STRONG ADVOCATE FOR

6 REPARATIONS. I COULD NOT HELP BUT NOT COMMENT IN REGARDS TO

7 THIS KING TUT ISSUE. WITH TODAY'S TECHNOLOGY, WE ALL KNOW THAT

8 WE HAVE THE MOST SOPHISTICATED WAYS OF DETERMINING WITH THESE

9 MUMMIES NOW NOT ONLY THE DNA BUT WE NOW CAN DETERMINE IF THERE

10 WAS ANY MELANIN IN THIS PARTICULAR CORPSE. WE'VE GOT TO BE

11 ABLE TO DISPLAY WHAT IS ACTUALLY GOING ON IN TERMS OF OUR

12 HISTORY. FOR YEARS, WE HAVE WATCHED HOLLYWOOD DISTORT ALL OF

13 OUR IMAGES IN EVERY WAY, SHAPE, FORM AND FASHION. ELIZABETH

14 TAYLOR PLAYED CLEOPATRA. WE'VE SEEN WHATCHAMACALLIT PLAY

15 MOSES. I MEAN, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. WE'RE AT A POINT NOW WHERE

16 WE'RE SAYING THIS IS 2005. WHEN CAN WE GET THE KIND OF RESPECT

17 AND RECOGNITION THAT WE SO RIGHTFULLY DESERVE AS BLACK

18 AFRICAN-AMERICANS? WE KNOW THAT KING TUT, ACCORDING TO THE

19 SCREENING OF HOW THEY WERE ABLE TO DETECT HIS ILLNESS, HIS

20 INFECTION, WE KNOW THAT IT CAME THROUGH THE LEG. IF WE CAN

21 DETERMINE THESE KINDS OF THINGS, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO

22 DETERMINE HIS COLOR AND THIS IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO US

23 BECAUSE WE'RE SICK AND TIRED OF OUR IMAGES BEING DISTORTED AND

24 SO I HOPE THAT YOU HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE

25 SENSITIVE-- THE SENSITIVITY OF WHY IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO



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1 EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS A BIG ISSUE TO US. AND I WAS HAPPY TO  
2 HEAR THAT SUPERVISOR YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE SAID THAT WE NO  
3 LONGER HAVE THE ABILITY TO OR THE CAPABILITY OF KEEPING IT  
4 FROM BEING ON DISPLAY, SO THAT WAS MY BIGGEST CONCERN IN  
5 COMING UP HERE, BECAUSE I REALLY RECOMMEND-- I WOULD LIKE TO  
6 RECOMMEND THAT IT NOT BE PUT ON DISPLAY UNTIL WE INVESTIGATE  
7 AND MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS A TRUE DEPICTION OF WHAT KING TUT  
8 IS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES OUR  
11 PUBLIC TESTIMONY. WE HAVE NO CLOSED SESSION TODAY, SO IF  
12 THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WE ARE ADJOURNED. THANK YOU.

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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005,  
were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my  
direction and supervision;

That the transcript of recorded proceedings as  
archived in the office of the reporter and which  
have been provided to the Los Angeles County Board of  
Supervisors as certified by me.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor  
related to any party to the said action; nor  
in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this  
8th day of June 2005, for the County records to be used only  
for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts  
as on file of the office of the reporter.

JENNIFER A. HINES  
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